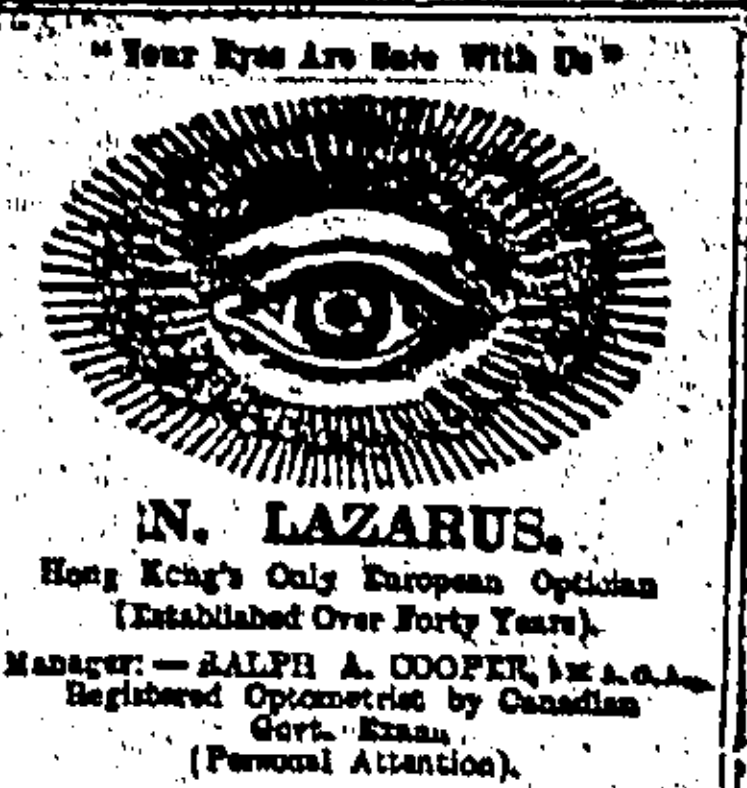


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KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY. TIME-TABLE.

UP TRAINS													
STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 NOON	No. 8 P.M.	No. 9 P.M.	No. 10 P.M.	No. 11 P.M.	No. 12 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.
Kowloon Dep.	8.40	8.05	8.30	9.05	9.35	10.00	12.10	1.15	1.25	1.33	2.45	4.30	5.40
Yuenwai Dep.	8.49	—	—	—	9.39	10.08	12.19	1.23	—	1.48	2.48	4.44	5.44
Shatin Dep.	7.01	—	—	—	9.33	10.30	12.30	1.35	—	2.43	—	4.50	6.00
Taipei Dep.	7.15	—	—	—	9.53	10.33	12.43	1.48	—	3.08	—	5.04	6.13
Taipei	—	—	—	—	9.53	10.37	12.47	1.59	—	3.10	—	5.09	6.17
Market Dep.	7.30	—	—	—	10.10	10.47	12.57	2.02	—	3.30	—	5.18	6.27
Fanning Dep.	7.50	—	—	—	10.10	10.47	12.57	2.02	—	3.30	—	5.18	6.27
Shing- shui Dep.	7.35	—	9.07	9.45	10.15	10.52	1.03	2.07	—	3.25	3.34	5.23	6.33
Sha- shui Arr.	7.41	8.45	9.13	9.51	10.31	10.58	1.03	2.13	3.05	3.31	3.30	5.29	6.38
Canton Arr.	—	12.05	—	—	5.48	—	—	—	6.20	—	—	—	—

DOWN TRAINS													
STATIONS	No. 1 A.M.	No. 2 A.M.	No. 3 A.M.	No. 4 A.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 6 A.M.	No. 7 P.M.	No. 8 P.M.	No. 9 P.M.	No. 10 P.M.	No. 11 P.M.	No. 12 P.M.	No. 13 P.M.
Canton Dep.	—	—	—	—	8.10	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.25	—
Shamshui Dep.	7.18	8.06	10.01	10.32	11.27	11.48	3.03	4.39	5.47	6.18	—	6.40	6.50
Shamshui Dep.	7.25	8.12	—	—	10.44	—	11.53	2.15	4.44	5.54	6.25	—	6.57
Fanning Dep.	7.40	8.16	—	—	10.47	—	12.00	3.21	4.50	5.58	—	—	—
Market Dep.	7.54	8.16	—	—	10.57	—	12.11	3.31	5.00	6.08	—	—	—
Taipei Dep.	7.44	8.21	10.34	—	—	—	12.11	3.31	5.00	6.08	—	—	—
Taipei	7.57	8.44	—	—	11.14	—	12.18	3.38	5.04	6.13	—	—	—
Shatin Dep.	8.31	8.46	—	—	11.28	—	12.43	4.01	5.59	6.33	—	—	—
Yuenwai Dep.	8.17	8.46	—	—	11.28	—	12.43	4.01	5.59	6.33	—	—	—
Kowloon Arr.	8.17	9.02	11.04	11.32	12.07	12.49	4.07	5.58	6.44	7.00	7.20	7.83	—

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| | 1 Phial Pomeranzen Bitters. |

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| 1 Pt. D.O.M. | 2 Qts. St. Julian Claret. |
| 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy. | 1 Qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin. |
| 1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy. | 1 Qt. Vino de Pato Sherry. |
| 2 Qts. King George IV Gold Label or Perfection Whisky. | 1 Phial Pomeranzen Bitters. |

No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

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| 1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy. | 1 Qt. Engrand's XXX Brandy. |
| 1 Pt. Peppermint G.F. | 1 Qt. Amontillado Sherry. |
| 1 Pt. D.O.M. | 1 Qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin. |
| 2 Qts. Superior Rich Old Port. | 2 Qts. Modoc Claret. |
| 2 Qts. King George IV Gold Label or Perfection Whisky. | 1 Phial Pomeranzen Bitters. |

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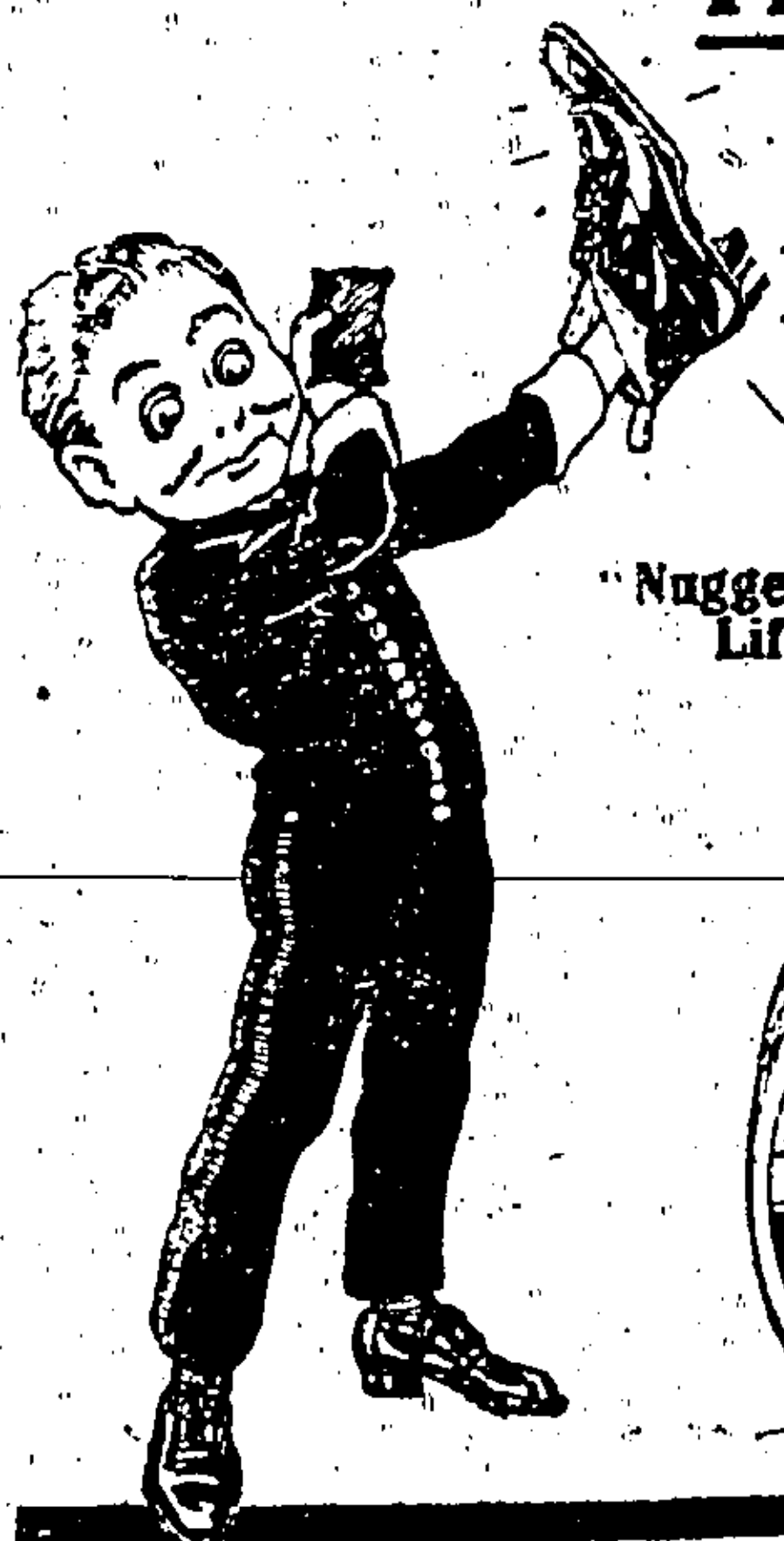
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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Business done yesterday in Hong Kong in rice and sugar included the following transactions:—

Rice.	Per Picul.
Red Kam Au White Siam	\$6.72
Yat Chi Mui White Siam	6.72
Green Seal White Glutinous	6.58
Yan Sau Lin White Long	7.77
Rice, 320 bags	7.00
Two Star White Long Rice,	847 bags
Green Seal White Brewer	6.26
Rice, 100 bags	6.26
Green Seal White Siam Rice,	250 bags
Red Sun White Siam Rice,	6.07
85 bags	6.02
Green Single Bell, White	9.18
Rice, 107 bags	9.18
Red Pearl White Siam Rice,	1,000 bags
Red Pearl White Brewer	8.44
Rice, 350 bags	8.50
Green Seal No. 1 White	8.25
Broken Rice, 38 bags	8.25
Green Seal White Brewer	6.43
Rice, 100 bags	6.43
No. 1 White Broken Rice, 38	6.33
bags	6.33
Green Seal White Brewer	6.52
Rice, 100 bags	6.52
Red Seal White Glutinous	6.39
Rice, 170 bags	6.39
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 15 coarse powdered sugar,	200 bags
200 bags	\$6.95
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar,	200 bags
200 bags	7.45
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar,	200 bags
200 bags	7.40
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar,	200 bags
200 bags	7.43
No. 20 coarse powdered sugar,	200 bags
200 bags	6.90
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar,	2,700
2,700	7.35
No. 15 coarse powdered sugar,	300 bags
300 bags	6.85
No. 24 coarse powdered sugar,	1,500 bags
1,500 bags	7.35
Java Red sugar, 200 bags	6.05

BUSINESS IN OIL.

Good results have been obtained at the Newchwang and Dairen bean and groundnut plantations, and a big supply of ground nut and bean oils has been shipped to the Colony. Quotations have dropped by \$1.50 per picul. There is a keen demand for wood oil by foreign exporters, and the amount imported from Kwangsi is still not up to the demand. Quotations have increased by 50 cents per picul.

Closing quotations in the Hong Kong oil market last week were as follows:—

Groundnut Oil.	Per Picul.
(Tientsin) Superior quality	\$26.10
(Honan) Superior quality	26.50
(Dairen) Superior quality	25.00
Bean Oil.	
(Dairen)	\$28.00
(Newchwang)	28.50
Wood Oil.	
(Kwangsi)	\$31.50

CANTON MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations in Sunday's Canton market, on rice, sugar, oil and flour were as follows:—

Native Rice.	Per Picul.
Chai Mee white long rice	\$10.90
Wai Tin glutinous rice	10.25
See Mui white long rice	10.00
Pak Kan Yuk white rice	8.84
Siam Rice.	
Red Double Sword white rice	\$9.86
Green Flower Pot	9.90
Red Seal white rice	9.60
Green Cannon white rice	9.82
Green Elephant white rice	9.80
Blue Seal white brewer rice	8.62
Red Seal white brewer rice	8.75
Annam Rice.	
Black Elephant white rice	\$9.84
Green O white rice	9.72
Red Wo Fung white long	9.66
rice	9.66
Three Marks white rice	9.44
Green Seal white brewer rice	8.25
Red Seal white brewer rice	8.40
Sugar.	Per Picul.
No. 2 Coarse powdered sugar	7.90
Do.	7.40
Do.	7.50
1 Granulated sugar	9.50
1 Fine granulated sugar	10.30
Flour.	Per Bag.
Man-of-War	\$4.05
Silver Seal	4.15
Banana	4.10
Cheung Luk	4.15
Maise	3.05
Sword of Kwantai	3.15
Cabbage	4.45
Dalton	4.50
Dog's Head	4.50
Groundnut Oil.	Per Picul.
(Tientsin)	\$22.50
(Dairen)	20.30
(Honan)	23.30
(Green Mouth)	23.20
Wood Oil.	Per Picul.
(Kwangsi)	\$23.00

CANTON COTTON YARN MARKET.

A cable from Shanghai stated that No. 30 yarn has dropped by one-tael per picul and No. 10 yarn has dropped one and a half taels. In the others prices were firm.

There were some buyers and the Canton market was fairly active but on account of the Shanghai news quotations have dropped by 82 per bale.

Quotations for the 18th inst. were as follows:—

	Per Bale.
No. 12 Five Sins	\$348
Butterfly	322
Foon Hee	316
No. 32 Pine Deer	458
Tin Koon	458
Double Horse	452
No. 20 City of Gold	327
Globe	322
Good Harvest	320
Double Horse	318
Tin Koon	322
Double Elephant	324
Tram-car	312
Shepherd	310
Three Stars	311
No. 16 Globe	306
Fui Kwai	300
Man Clock	300
No. 12 City of Gold	292
Peacock	284
Fui Kwai	273
Tram-car	273
Aeroplane	266
Pretty Damsel	267
No. 10 Sailing Vessel	294
City of Gold	297
Peacock	297
Lotus Bee	218
No. 8 Lion	218
Lion No. 2	108

CANTON STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	December 18th.
Water Works	\$3.20
Electric Power Co.	5.05
Canton-Hankow Railways	0.45
The Sun Company	7.45
Sincere Company	9.20
Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co.	3.50
Canton Tramways	1.95
China Nav. S.S. Co.	6.40
Central Bank	4.60

CANTON KEROSENE OIL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	December 18th.
New Star	\$7.65
New Balance	7.40
New Hang Fook	7.30
New Eagle	7.30
New Cheung Hi	7.30
New Daybreak	7.30

AMERICA SILK TRADE.

LARGE DEMAND FOR SHANGHAI SILK.

A telegram was received in Shanghai from New York stating that there is a strong demand for Shanghai raw silk as the silk weavers now want Chinese silk instead of Japanese. Orders have been sent to Shanghai by the American dealers for next Spring. The raw silk market was very active last week. Although the buyers were unwilling to make big purchases the transactions on Chinese raw silk were heavy.

Quotations for the market on 15th are as follows:—

Japanese Silk.	
Extra Best Class	\$1,321.00
First	1,300.00
Italian Silk.	
Extra Class	1,398.00
Chinese Silk.	
Three Dancing Girls	1,334.00
Kwangtung Silk.	
14/15 Silk	1,100.00

RUBBER SHARES.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.

Messrs. Carroll Bros. give the following quotations for rubber shares:—

Allenby	\$1.60
Alor Gajah	1.25
Ayer Moleks	1.35
Baligowas	6.50
Bassetts	1.65
Bukit Katils	0.70
Changkat Serdangs	0.60
Commemaras	4.50
Glennalgie	1.25
Indragiris	1.75
Jerams	6.30
Jimahs	1.15
Kedahs	1.45
Kuala Sidim	3.10
Lunas	3.15
Malaka Pindas	1.85
Mentakabs	1.40
New Serendangs	0.40
Pangas	2.45
Sanderofts	1.50
Soudais	0.55
Sungei Bagans	1.30
Tapahs	2.85
Tambalaks	1.65
Teluk Anson	0.75

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	December 17th, 1928.
H.K. Banks	\$1,800 buy, 1,810/1,820 sell.
Do. London	\$140 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$23 buy.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	\$24 nom.
Do.	\$21 1/4 nom.
P. & O. Bank	\$29 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$32 buy.
Canton Insurance	\$375 sel.
Union Insurance	\$385 sel.
North China Ins.	\$160 buy.
Yonghe Insurance	\$350 nom.
China Underwriters	\$245 sel.
China Fire Insurance	\$250 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$780 sel.
Douglases	\$384 nom.
H.K. Steamboats	\$29 buy.
H.K. Tugs	\$140 sel.
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$45 buy.
Do. (Ord.)	\$79 buy.
Shell Transport	\$118 nom.
Union Waterboats	\$224 buy.
Benguet	\$24 nom.
Kailan Mining Admin.	\$73 buy.
Langkats (combined)	\$11 nom.
Do. (single)	\$14 nom.
S'hai. Explorations	\$12 1/2 buy.
Shanghai Loans	\$13 buy.
Barb's	\$54 buy.
Treoh Mines	\$17 1/2 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharfs	\$135 sel.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$371 buy.
China Provident	\$480 buy, 5 sel.
Hongkong	\$156 buy.
New Engineering	\$104 nom.
Shanghai Docks	\$104 nom.
Two Cottons	\$134 nom.
Oriental Cottons	\$134 nom.
S'hai. Cottons (old)	\$134 buy.
Do. (new)	\$134 buy.
H.K. S. Hotels	\$915 buy.
H.K. Lands	\$84 buy, 65 sel.
Shanghai Lands	\$160 buy.
Humphreys Estates	\$15 sel.
H.K. Realities	\$81 sel.
H.K. Tramways	\$154 buy.
Pack Trams (old)	\$13 sel.
Do. (new)	\$830 nom.
Star Farries	\$694 buy.
China Lights (old)	\$12 sel.
Do. (new)	\$12 1/2 sel.
Do. (1928 Issue)	\$12 1/2 sel.
H.K. Electric (old)	\$521 buy.
Lo. (new)	\$51 buy.
Macao Electric	\$281 buy.
Telephones (old)	\$550 buy.
Do. (new)	\$54 buy.
China Busco	\$104 buy.
Singapore Tractions	\$12 nom.
Do. (Pref.)	\$12 1/2 buy, 12/3 sel.
China Sugar	\$90 sel. nom.
Malayan Sugars	\$224 buy.
Canton Ice	\$24 nom.
Cementa (combined)	\$935 sel.
Do. (old)	\$750 nom.
Do. (new)	\$11 sel.
H.K. Bays (old)	\$750 nom.
Do. (new)	\$755 sel.
United Asbestos	\$5 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$211 sel.
Watsons	\$113 nom.
Der A Wings	\$306 nom.
Lane Crawford	\$20 nom.
Mackintosh	\$294 buy.
Sincere	\$294 buy.
Wm. Powells	\$355 buy.
H.K. Amusements	\$481 sel.
H.K. Constructions	\$14 nom.
H'que Indus. G.S. Bonds	\$675 buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	5% prem. sel.
buy—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—sales; nom.—nominal	

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Dec. 18th.

Paris	124.155
New York	4.85 5/32
Brussels	34.881
Geneva	25.19
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	92.655
Berlin	20.351
Stockholm	18.141
Copenhagen	18.175
Oslo	18.191
Vienna	34.455
Prague	163 1/2
Helsingfors	59.855
Madrid	100 1/2
Lisbon	374 1/2
Athens	810
Bucharest	810
Rio	5 57/84
Buenos Aires	47 11/32
Bombay	1/8 1/32
Shanghai	2/7
Hong Kong	2/0 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 23/32
Silver (spot)	26 1/2
Silver (forward)	26 1/2

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR LAST YEAR

FINAL DIVIDEND 5 PER CENT.

The report and statement of accounts for the year ending last September 30th of the China Light and Power Company, (1918), Ltd., will be presented to the shareholders at the tenth-ordinary yearly meeting which is to be held at the head office of the Company, (St. George's Building) on Monday, December 24th.

The statement of accounts reports:

The gross profit for the period is \$530,941.25
Plus scrip fees and sale of building previously written off (\$1,178) and amount brought forward from last year (\$87,848.39) 58,999.39
\$589,767.64

After allowing for:

Interest \$21,224.33
Directors' and auditors' fees 12,500.00
Loss on show-room and sundry sales, donations, etc. 4,678.00
Typhoon damage on plant not covered by insurance 5,659.54
Amount written off value of Crown leases 4,483.61
Depreciation 291,192.80
249,723.17

The balance is \$340,044.47

The interim dividend of 5 per cent. on August 7th, 1928, absorbed a total of 140,731.05

Leaving an amount available for appropriation of \$199,313.42

Dividend And Balance.

The Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of 5 per cent. in respect of the financial year ended September 30th, 1928, absorbing about \$145,000, and that the balance be carried forward to next year's account.

The Directors desire to state, in connection with the new shares issued in 1924 and 1925, that some difficulty has been experienced in determining the exact amount of dividend payable in respect of shares, on which the final call had been paid prior to the date of declaration of dividend.

The opinions of Counsel and of the Company's consulting accountants were obtained and found to conflict. The Directors ultimately adopted the consulting accountants' computation as being the more equitable distribution, and in accord with the intention of the Directors. It was decided therefore that dividend in respect of final calls on these shares should be paid only as from the respective dates on which the final calls were due for payment, provided such calls were received by the Company before the date of declaration of the dividend.

The Directorate.

The Directors regret to record the death on April 30th, 1928, of their colleague on the Board, Mr. Lee Hysan.

During the year, Mr. H. P. White resigned on leaving the Colony, and the following gentlemen joined the Board: Sir Ely Kadoorie, K.B.E., Mr. J. P. Bragg, Mr. A. H. White and Mr. J. H. Taggart.

Under Article 95 of the Articles of Association, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. C. A. da Roza retire, but being eligible to offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, who are eligible for re-election.

LESSON SERMON.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST, HONG KONG.

"God the preserver of man," was the subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 16th.

The Golden Text was, "As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it" (Isaiah 31:5).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson Sermon was the following from the Bible: "And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, 'Alas, my master! how shall we do?' And he answered, 'Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, 'Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes that he may see.' And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha (11 Kings 6: 15-17)."

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CLUB DE RECREIO'S NEW VENTURE.

THE BLUANWHITE BULL MAGAZINE.

The Club de Recreio is one of the Colony's live institutions and is always to the fore in matters of sport, in supporting Charitable work, in arranging social functions and it is going to stage what will no doubt prove some very enjoyable and efficient theatricals, the play selected being that old favourite "What happened to Jones."

A further venture must now be mentioned—under the auspices of the Club Messrs. L. A. da Rocha and R. A. da Silva, with a staff of willing assistants are producing a magazine, "The Bluanwhite Bull Magazine," of which we have been forwarded a copy of the first issue.

It contains a review of all Club de Recreio activities and in addition a number of very creditable literary contributions the best being a diary of the month in verse from which we give the following quotations:—

November 17th.

"Fun of the Fair," run by the M.L. Had many attractions and all went well.
The fine Clubhouse of the H.K.F.C. Was formally opened by the O.A.G.
In football, South China shot one more.
Than what the Recreio lads could score.

November 22nd.

The A.D.C. is as good as ever, The "Sport of Kings" was very clever.
"Earthquake in Manila," so we hear,
The people there shake with fear.
Frock coated Yankee in Shanghai
The rickshaw coolies sought to vie.

Later it is hoped to run a Correspondence page and a Question Box which readers are asked to support. The Magazine is to be published monthly at 50 cents a copy.

CINEMA NEWS.

"WHY SAILORS GO WRONG" AT THE QUEEN'S.

"Why Sailors Go Wrong," the film which delighted cinema audiences at the Queen's Theatre recently is being screened there again to-day. Sammy Cohen and Ted McNamara take the leading roles in a story of the alarming adventures of two taxi-drivers, who find themselves marooned on a cannibal island.

"Across The Pacific."

"Across The Pacific," at the World to-day and to-morrow, tells a thrilling story of the Secret Service in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war. Monte Blue, the hero, plays the part of a young man, who, after a misunderstanding with his sweetheart, leaves home and enlists with a regiment drafted for service in Manila.

Through a blend of history and action, "Across The Pacific" provides an extremely interesting picture and one quite out of the ordinary regarding the theme and its direction. Myrna Loy, Jane Winston and Tom Wilson are among the principal members of the large cast.

"Beau Geste" At The Star.

Although produced in America, "Beau Geste," the big film which will be screened at the Star to-day and to-morrow, is a British picture in more ways than one. The story, in the first place, has been adapted from a novel by a British author, Major Wren, and three of the principal characters are British—the brothers Michael, Digby, and John Geste. Moreover, several of the actors are British, notably the star, Ronald Colman, Victor McLaglan, Norman Trevor, and Ralph Forbes. The director of the picture, Herbert Brenon, was born in Ireland. A part of the film is taken in an English setting. The rest of the story takes place in a Sahara Desert fort held by the French Legion.

SILK INSTEAD OF WOOL-LENS.

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Nanking weavers have recently turned out a new kind of silk called *chung shan chow*, named after Dr. Sun Yat Sen. It is an improved kind of the *ang chow*, made in imitation of light woollens, the object being to recommend the new fabric to the public for making dress suits in substitution for imported woollens. The new fabric differs from other silks in that: (1) it stands, washing and can be renovated by dyeing, (2) it does not crumple as easily as other silks, and (3) it produces no rustling sound when the wearer moves. The fabric can be either plain, figured, or designed as imported woollens.

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To maintain the standard and develop markets for the new product, weavers of the *chung shan chow* have organised an association, composed of four sections: the section for general affairs, the testing section, the investigation section and the advertising section. The section for general affairs is to give directions to the weavers as to the method producing the silk, the testing section to examine the raw material and test finished products as to maintain the standard, and the investigation section is to investigate market conditions and recommend to weavers new methods of producing the fabric. The other functions of the association are to secure co-operation among the weavers and to prevent cut-throat competitions. And fixed wages of 15 cents per one foot production of the *chung shan chow* have been adopted by all the producers for the mill hands, who on the average earn about 55 cents a day. Encouragement is given to the hands who can produce new patterns of the silk of their own design. The object of the weavers is to produce a material to suit the popular taste, and to make it a good substitute for imported woollens in making dress suits, official uniforms, and ordinary foreign-style clothes. A large number of weavers have been enrolled as members of the association, and have sent their products to the commission for examination.

To prevent competition all the weavers send their outputs to the association's business department for sale under a common brand, the "Y. Shing Kung" brand. To each piece of silk a tag is attached bearing the producer's name. After sale the proceeds are handed over to the producer. The silk is sold either by the piece or by the foot. In the former case, each piece, enough for making one suit of ceremonial dress, is 2.25 feet by 15, Chinese measure, and sold at \$14. The price per foot is 95 cents.

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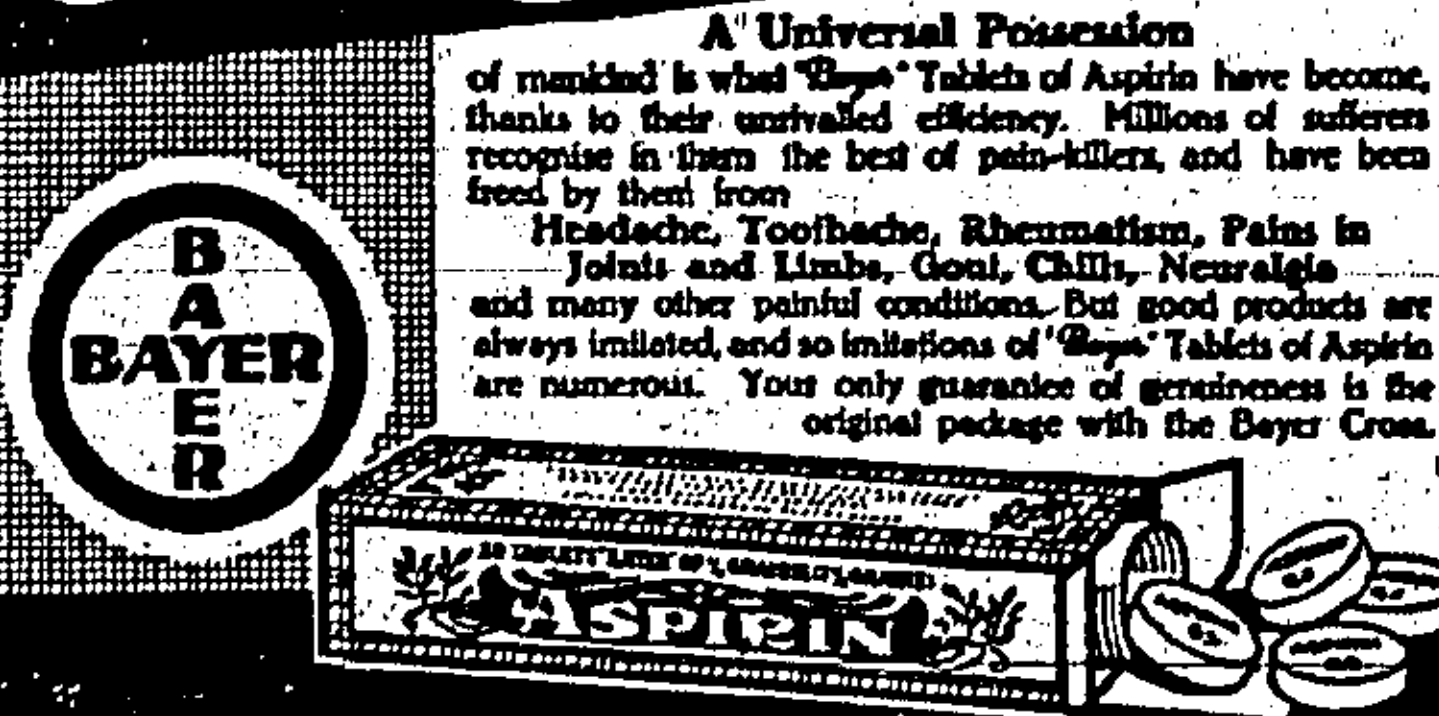
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"MING HAR."

A NAME OR AN EXPRESSION?

PLAINTIFF'S CRUDE CASE.

Whether *Ming Har* was the name of a person or merely a legal or commercial expression, in Chinese was dealt with exhaustively by Mr. Justice P. J. Jackson at the Summary Court in giving judgment in a case heard on September 27th, this year.

Plaintiff in the action was Lau Ming Har and the defendant was Tain Kam Fui. Mr. J. M. Hall appeared for the defence and the case for the plaintiff was conducted by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

Plaintiff claimed the sum of \$100 plus \$44.50 interest on a Chinese borrowing note. His case was that the money was actually lent to the defendant. On the note were the words *Ming Har*. Defendant claimed that *Ming Har* was not the plaintiff's name. It was an expression equivalent to "bearer and not transferable" in English. He also alleged that he had never borrowed the money from plaintiff. The note was given to plaintiff's father in respect to a transaction connected with a Money Loan Association. In the course of his judgment, his Lordship found that *Ming Har* was an expression, and criticised plaintiff for having put forward a crude case.

THE JUDGMENT.

The full text of his Lordship's judgment follows:

The plaintiff in this action seeks to recover from the defendant the sum of \$100 principal and \$44.50 interest due under a Chinese borrowing note dated 20th day of May, 1927 and signed by the defendant.

The plaintiff states that he lent the defendant \$100 and claims 15 months interest at 2 per cent. per month less \$12.50 which he stated he had received. He called on witness who was present when the note was signed but did not see any money pass.

The defendant has given a very different account of the transaction. He said that he was the head of a Money Loan Association consisting of 22 members of which the plaintiff's father, Lau Sui Tai, was one. The Money Loan Association broke down. The defendant was unable to collect the subscription to a compromise by way of settlement was arrived at, one of the consequences of which was that the plaintiff had to make refunds to sundry members. Some members did not press for payment presumably they were all involved in the same misfortune, others require some acknowledgment of indebtedness and a number of promissory notes were given. The defendant stated that the note now sued on is one of these. It was given to Lau Sui Tai, the father of the plaintiff who was a member of the Association—the plaintiff was not a member. The defendant gave eight promissory notes, four of which bore the names of payees whilst the other four did not. They bore an obscure term *Ming Har* which I will deal with later on.

Not His Name.

The promissory note now sued on contains this expression. The other fourteen members did not apparently ask for notes, they seemed to have either regarded their claims as valueless or were defaulters. The defendant denies that he ever owed any money to the plaintiff. He called three witnesses who were members of the Money Loan Association and who corroborated the defendant's story with regard to this. One of them was able to produce a similar promissory note also bearing the expression *Ming Har*. Defendant stated that the plaintiff's name is Lau A. Hoi or Lau Ling Hoi and not Lau Ming Har and in this he was corroborated at least by one of the witnesses.

"In His Name."

Evidence was given as to the meaning of the expression *Ming Har* in the promissory note by the acting Court Translator and also by Mr. Chan Heung Pak, Secretary of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, both were of opinion that the use of the expression on a promissory note is unusual and the meaning obscure in the absence of a name preceding it. The latter went so far as to say that the note as it stands is "incomprehensible" and therefore null and void. Had a name appeared in front of the expression the note would have been payable to that person's "own self" "in his name." I gather from this that the expression is meant to limit the effect of the note in some way.

I agree with Mr. Chan Heung Pak's view that had a name appeared in front of the expression the note would have been payable to that person's own self, and no one else. I think the words indicate an intention that it should not be transferable.

Difference in English Law.

According to our law a note promising to pay a fictitious person or "blank" is regarded as payable to bearer, but I think the words indicate an intention that it should not be transferable.

(Continued on next column.)

THEFTS BY FIRE BRIGADE MEN.

THREE CHINESE SENTENCED.

PILFERING AT A FIRE.

Three Chinese members of the Fire Brigade appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of pilfering property at the scene of the fire in Connaught Road West on Saturday.

Ng Tui was charged with the theft of some keys, a gold ring, two handkerchiefs, an electric torch and some Hong Kong and Chinese silver coins.

Defendant claimed that \$3.10 was his own money and admitted that he picked up the other articles on the staircase of one of the houses involved in the fire.

His Worship remarked that as a fireman he was expected to aid in the saving of life and property, yet he took the opportunity of robbing the victims. Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed. An order was made for the \$3.10 claimed by the defendant to be held by the prison authorities as defendant's property. The remainder of the money as well as the articles named in the charge were to be held by the police against possible claims.

The second defendant, fireman Chan Yuk Tin, charged with stealing money and property, said that a match box and a hair net belonged to him, but that the rest was picked up on the premises.

After his Worship made a similar observation as in the case of the first man, defendant stated that it was his intention to hand the property over to a European officer had there been one near at hand.

Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, said that the defendant belonged to a shift which took over duty on Sunday morning while the debris was still smouldering. The man was observed coming out of one of the houses which was away from his point of duty. In view of two previous arrests, the man was searched and some silver money was found concealed in his boots.

Inspector Bloor mentioned that on a second search by the police a sum of \$9 in Chinese notes was found concealed under the man's tunic.

Defendant was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

A similar sentence was passed on the third man, Lui Hai, who was charged with stealing several tent pieces and a gold pendant.

note. I consider that no one would be safe in giving value for a note drawn in this obscure way without reference to the drawer. There was no evidence in this case that the plaintiff ever did this. He has said that the defendant gave him the note in exchange for a loan of \$100. If this is true I cannot believe that he would have accepted a note written in this unusual form, his surname is not mentioned and the expert witnesses have stated that *Ming Har* might be a man's name, the characters used in the note would not be used if a name was meant. I do not believe the plaintiff's name is *Ming Har* he may have come into possession of the note through his father, Lau Sui Tai, either by gift or otherwise, or he may be seeking to recover on his father's behalf, but in view of the evidence which has been given, the course he has taken, to put it mildly, crude. He has rushed to the conclusion that *Ming Har* is a name and has added it to his own, and capped it all by a story of a loan to the defendant.

Believed Defendant's Story.

I believe the evidence of the defendant and his witnesses, that this note is one of several given by the defendant, on the compromise arrived at when the Money Loan Association was wound up. It was given to a member of the Association in respect of Money Loan Association money. The defendant said that he used the expression *Ming Har* because some members did not wish their names put in. He said he meant it to be in favour of the bearer, that is Lau Sui Tai, the person to whom he gave the note and no one else, and that *Ming Har* was not any one's name. One of his witnesses, Lau A. Kwan, who also received a note said it was a mere acknowledgment of indebtedness.

I do not believe the plaintiff's name is Lau Ming Har. I do not believe his story about the loan. I do not believe he got this note from the defendant. If he came into possession of this note honestly he should have got this obscurely cleared up before he brought his action. If he really is bringing this action on behalf of his father he should have obtained a proper authority and brought it in his father's name and even in that case it would have been desirable to have referred the note to the drawer in this, first instance.

In its present condition I regard the note as of no practical value to any one except possibly the plaintiff's father to whom the defendant has expressed his obligation and willingness to pay.

I give judgment for the defendant with costs, against Lau A. Hoi, alias Lau Ling Hoi, alias Lau Ming Har.

ROUND THE COURTS.

AMMUNITION "PLANTED" ON HIM.

CENTRAL MAGISTRACY CASES.

Mr. M. K. Lo, appeared on behalf of a Chinese who was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning with unlawful possession of 2 rounds of .33 revolver ammunition. The defence was that the ammunition must have been "planted" on accused by someone else.

Revenue Officer Grimmitt said that he was on duty on the waterfront when the Sek O towboat arrived. The passengers were searched in the usual way, but when the defendant's turn came he dropped a packet which he was carrying and bolted. The packet, a basket, was opened by a key produced by the accused and at the bottom the ammunition was found.

The case was remanded until 2.15 p.m. to-morrow.

IMPERSONATING A DETECTIVE.

A Chinese was also before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with impersonating a plain clothes policeman. Sub-Inspector Shaftin said that the defendant and another man had victimised a Chinese interpreter in Arsenal Street a few days ago. They accosted the complainant, said that they were detectives and showed a black pocket book and a police whistle. They searched the man and extracted his pocket book.

The complainant then began to have doubts and seized one of the men, who managed to escape. Later two men were arrested, one of whom was discharged following an identification parade. The accused, however, was picked out. The hearing was adjourned.

REVOLVER FOUND DURING OPIUM SEARCH.

A Chinese business man, the manager of the Kwong Wo Cheong firm of import and export merchants, of No. 303, Des Voeux Road Central, was charged before Major C. Willson with unlawful possession of a revolver.

It appeared that during a search of the premises by Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmitt for opium, a secret cavity was discovered in the wall of a room and in it was the weapon. The room had been recently used as a store and the shop employees had previously been sleeping there.

Mr. Horace Lo, for the defence submitted that the defendant could not be held responsible as the revolver was concealed in the room by some person entirely without his knowledge.

His Worship accepted Mr. Lo's point and discharged the defendant.

KOWLOON MAGISTRACY.

A VERY NICE POINT.

A Chinese hawk was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy with selling fish in a place other than a public market. The defendant was actually standing inside the market door and the fish was on the pavement. The Magistrate said that he did not think the section of the Ordinance under which the man was charged covered the question. It was a very nice point, but his interpretation of the section was that the man had to be away from the market. The Magistrate intimated that a charge of "causing obstruction" would have been the proper charge.

The defendant was discharged.

BANISHEE WITH A FALSE NAME.

A Chinese banishee who acquired a new name in the belief that he would not be detected was also before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy. The defendant emphatically denied that he had been deported. The defendant's records were produced which showed that he had served three months' imprisonment in 1926 and was then banished. The accused again emphatically denied this but the Magistrate accepted the Police records and sentenced the accused to 12 months' hard labour. The Magistrate remarked that he would not impose a birching as the man was an opium addict.

HELP FOR A HAWKER.

A Chinese hawk who was summoned for hawking on the Kowloon City Range without a license was granted a free license and \$2 from the Poor box with which to start business.

HAFIC LIMITED.

PRIVATE FORTUNE OF AN AUSTRALIAN FAMILY.

An application was made before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, at the Supreme Court yesterday by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadson, for the capital of Hafic Limited to be reduced.

The company which is a private limited concern was first incorporated in 1919 solely to invest the private fortune of a family living in Australia. It was started with a capital of £1,000,000 divided into 1,000,000 shares of \$1 each. Two members of the family were now desirous of withdrawing their shares and that was the reason for the desired reduction of capital.

His Lordship commented on the rather unusual procedure of a private limited company applying for the reduction of capital and asked Mr. Sheldon to place some of the facts before him.

Counsel referred his Lordship to the affidavits on the file. He said that the company was incorporated in 1919 as a private company limited by shares and with a registered office at the Chartered Bank Building. The company has issued 350,000 shares and the sum of £1 per share had been paid up.

The two shareholders who wished to withdraw are Mrs. Christian Rowe Thorne and Mrs. Marion Leigh Wells. At the time of the extraordinary meetings and now, the company's only creditors were certain shareholders whose investments were deposited with the company for management, under a declaration of trust. The total liability in respect of such deposited investments is £283,330.

His Lordship asked what "Hafic" meant and whether it was an official name. Counsel replied that it was derived from the firm's name of the "Hong Kong and Australian Financial Investment Company."

The application was granted.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

CHINESE COMPRADORE'S \$283,700 ESTATE.

Several wills have been released by the Supreme Court, one of which was that of the late Mr. Chan Tong, alias Chan Tze U, compradore of the Dairy Farm Company.

The late Mr. Chan Tong, it will be remembered, died from heart failure while riding a horse at Happy Valley on the morning of May 31st, this year. He leaves estate in the Colony of \$283,700.

Probate has been granted to his widow, Chan Tong Shi, No. 138, McDonnell Road, and his brother, Chan Pun Kow, No. 15, Nanking Street, Yaumatei.

The bequests are of a family nature, property in Hong Kong, Kowloon and Shanghai being bequeathed to the widow and three sons.

Mr. Brooks David.

The late Mr. Brooks David, formerly of "Boxhill" No. 9, Oxley Rise, Singapore, and who died at Singapore on April 24th, 1928, leaves estate in the Colony to the value of \$130,000. The bequest of the bulk of his will has been granted to Mr. C. E. R. Beavis, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, who is the attorney of Mr. A. Brooke David, a son, also residing at Singapore.

Mrs. L. F. V. Ribeiro.

Mrs. L. F. V. Ribeiro, who died at Sharnon on August 26th, 1928, leaves estate in the Colony of \$9,100. Probate has been granted to her son and son-in-law, Mr. F. X. V. Ribeiro and Mr. J. M. d'Almeida respectively.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

KOWLOON RAILWAY DIVISION COMPETITION.

Major W. K. Campbell and Surgeon-Lieut. Davis have, very kindly consented to act as judges in the Ho Fook Cup Competition on Thursday at 2.30 p.m.

The competition will be held on the Kowloon Football Ground which is situated on the Sea Front, Chatham Road, opposite Gun Club Hill.

A MAGIC COOKING PAN.

"One of the most interesting 'side shows' at the Manila Shows is a magic cooking pan of the Han Dynasty period, nearly 2,000 years ago. This one is supposed to have been the property of Hung Ming, a councillor of a monarch of the traditional Three Kingdoms. Its magic quality is this: If you fill it with water and gently rub the handles the water becomes 'alive.' At first there is just a tremor, then a veritable 'storm' in a cooking pan" and finally a regular fountain some inches high. The metal of the bowl is vibrating furiously and this gives rise to the disturbance.



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MORE OF CANTON
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TWO BIG FIRES.

BRIGADE CAPTAIN INJURED.

CAUSED BY FOKIS' CARELESS-
NESS.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, December 17th.

A big fire occurred the night before last at about 7.30 in Cheung Lan Street, Sai Kwan, and completely destroyed more than 30 buildings and partially demolished three. Two Nades were seriously burned and the Captain of the Fire Brigade, Wong Po Leung, was injured while directing the fire fighters. The blaze took several hours to get under control and some of the most flourishing stores of Sai Kwan, including the Bow Tze Pill Company and the famous Wing Lung Pawn Shop, were completely destroyed.

The cause of the conflagration was carelessness. It started in the kitchen of the Li Him Kee Company from the dying embers which fell out of a stove onto the wooden floor. This was just after the evening meal when the cook and foks have gone to the front of the shop to rest after the day's work. The fire was discovered when the foks saw volumes of black smoke emerging from the kitchen. But it was too late for them to do anything and a moment later the whole building was in flames. A strong north wind was blowing and the fire spread rapidly to windward. The foks rushed into the street and gave the alarm.

The Canton Fire Brigade at once responded and all the available fire hoses were soon turned on the fire. But the flames had got such a hold that the brigade had to spend several hours before they could put it out.

Meanwhile the proprietors of buildings in the district saw what was in store for them and tried to move their wares into the street as fast as they could. But the place was congested and there was great confusion. Many could not get their things moved out in time and had to leave them for the street to be burned. Most of the shop proprietors ordered their foks to cut down the awnings, sign boards and other combustible matters in front of their shops as a precaution against the flying sparks but this met with little or no success against the on rushing flames.

As soon as the alarm had been given the street patrols drew a cordon around the affected area, permitting no one to leave or enter. This was to guard against "crook" people who usually thrive on occasions of this sort. The Police were soon aided by a company of soldiers from the Canton Garrison. Thanks to these precautionary measures no looting took place.

When the flames were at their worst, the Captain of the Fire Brigade, Wong Po Leung, climbed onto a high roof and from there directed his men. But the Captain's Chinese shoes soon became soaked and he slipped and fell sustaining severe injuries. He would have fallen into the street below had it not been for a flag pole which he grabbed and clung to. The Captain is now in the hospital but making good progress. About this time a brick wall crashed on to the street and two men who were standing near were hit by the red hot falling masonry and sustained serious injuries.

YET ANOTHER BLAZE.

Another big fire occurred last night at about 9 o'clock in Fung Wong Bridge, Honam, opposite Canton, destroying over 30 small dwelling houses, most of them wooden structures. This fire, like the bigger one in Canton proper the night before, raged for several hours before it could be got under control. But most of these houses were of comparatively little value.

H.M.S. "HERMES" AT
MANILA.

MANILA, Dec. 15th.

Social events and athletic contests were among the numerous features of a week-long programme for the British airplane carrier *Hermes* which called here en route from Kudak, British North Borneo, to join the fleet in Hong Kong.

The *Hermes* upon arrival exchanged courtesy salutes with Fort Santiago and the U.S.S. *Trenton* and, immediately upon anchoring, received official calls. Much interest was attracted by the craft, a splendid 10,850 vessel carrying 30 airplanes and fitted with most modern elevators and other equipment. Among the events of the Manila stay were games of rugby, cricket, hockey and soccer, as well as luncheons and dinners.—United Press.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE TATTOO FUNDS.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS.")

SIR,—Studying the financial result of the Tattoo published in your paper some days ago, my eye was immediately arrested by an item of nearly \$1,000 on the expenditure side, for advertising, less the cost of the advertisements obtained for the programme.

As the Tattoo was got up to raise money from the public for charity, it is the undoubted right of any member of the public to ask as to the disposal of the funds so raised. Such a right is but rarely exercised, particularly in Hong Kong, but an amount of \$1,000, plus some further unlisted sum, is so amazing, so incredible a sum, to anyone at all conversant with the subject, that when taken in conjunction with the fact that the whole of the receipts from programme advertisements, cost of printing programmes, cost of newspapers advertising was controlled by a publicity committee, consisting of the best of one's recollection of the four foreign newspapers, it seems obvious that this committee will be only too glad of the opportunity of proving that every possible form of publicity was carefully weighed, from the pulling and economical view-point, before a simple contract was placed. Would the publicity committee give us the following facts:—

1.—Which forms of publicity and advertising were passed in review as being possible for the Tattoo, what were their comparative costs, and on what grounds was the final selection made?

2.—What was the total amount of space taken in each newspaper, and the total cost?

3.—How much was obtained by the sale of space in the programme?

4.—What was the cost of printing the programme?

With such information one may be in a position to place an unerring finger on weak spots, greatly to the benefit of succeeding charitable performances, as no one who knows the pitfalls attached to that blessed word "Publicity," would expect a bunch of amateurs to produce fool-proof publicity schemes, merely by calling themselves a publicity committee, and with no experience to go on, other than past extravaganzas.

Thanking you for the courtesy of your columns.—Yours, etc., B.M.T.

OUR INDIFFERENCE TO
HEALTH.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS.")

SIR,—A short while ago I had an opportunity to look into the housing conditions in Wanchai, West Point, Shamshuipo and Yaumati. I noticed the remarkable fact that almost all the old houses, as well as many of the new ones just completed or still in erection, had no provision whatsoever for a toilet, not to mention the absence of a separate wash place, although these are the first necessities in every human dwelling. As everyone knows, the Chinese flats in those parts of Hong Kong are, as a rule, occupied by several families, consisting of men and women and children of every age and sex. This is well-known also to our Building Authorities, yet designs for such anti-sanitary, anti-cultural and out-of-date houses are daily passing through their hands and are approved for erection. One can see a great number of them in erection everywhere. No wonder that we have an epidemic spreading through one of the densely populated parts of our city to-day, severely endangering the public health.

The object of this letter is not to find fault with our Authorities, but to consciously co-operate with them for the abolishment of undesirable conditions.

In this spirit of service to the Community I beg to submit to our Building Authorities that henceforth no designs for houses, submitted to them for approval, be accepted and passed, unless each and every flat is provided with a special toilet room, fully segregated from the kitchen and the living rooms by brick or cement walls and ceiling, also having a window on the outside wall large enough to light it, and having also a vent pipe with outlet above the roof. These are surely most elementary demands, and their acceptance could cost the Government no money at all.

Such sanitary and cultural improvement is to-day a necessity and should be brought into operation forthwith by incorporation into our Building Ordinance. This simple provision in our laws could be extended also to include the demand for a separate bath room with window and ventilation, as above. This new regulation when made law would to a great extent ensure the health and well being of our fellow (Continued on next Column).

THE ELUSIVE CHAN
WING.

\$50 FORGED NOTES.

CHINESE DETECTIVE'S
STORY.

Hearing of the charges in connection with an alleged conspiracy to distribute forged bank notes against nine Chinese men and two women was resumed before Mr. R. E. Lindsay at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. F. H. Loseby (of Messrs. Russ and Co.) defended five of the accused persons, while Mr. Leo d'Almada, sen., appeared for the eighth man.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney General, was again present to prosecute and the case was heard for the greater part of the morning and afternoon sessions.

At the previous hearing it was stated by the prosecution that the police came to know that forged notes were being put into circulation by a gang. A Chinese detective posing as a buyer of forged notes got in touch with the first defendant, and through him was introduced to one Chan Wing, who was said to be the prime mover in the business and who got away. He arranged to purchase \$4,000 worth of forged notes for \$2,000. After the escape of Chan Wing, the police raided certain houses and arrested the defendants. A printing press, plates containing engravings of the currency notes of the Central Bank of China, and \$50, old issue notes, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, said to be good forgeries, were among some of the seizures by the police.

The Chinese detective who took the leading part in the trap laid by the police gave evidence of his first meeting with the defendant and later with Chan Wing. He described how on the eve of the day fixed for handing over the notes the man escaped. On that day Wing met witness at the appointed place in No. 114, Des Voeux Road Central, in an agitated state as the man had noticed downstairs some persons whom he took to be detectives watching the house. Chan Wing then suggested that they should carry on the transaction in a room at the Mei Chow boarding house. Witness was told to go there first and wait for Chan Wing, but he was not seen again. After the arrest of some of the defendants during a night raid, one man took the witness to a house in Jardine's Bazaar where Chan Wing was said to live. Witness found a quilt which was still warm and indicated that Chan Wing had been lying there only a short while before. A hat and long coat worn by the man during the negotiations were also found there.

At the close of the detective's evidence-in-chief he was cross-examined at length by Mr. Loseby. Witness was asked why he went out of his way to ask for forged notes. Later after some discussion with his Worship on the point, the defending solicitor asked when witness first used the word "forged" notes. Witness replied that he used it all along as he did not expect to receive \$4,000 worth of genuine notes for \$2,000. Witness also produced a wallet which he said contained the money with which he was to purchase the notes, but he said that he had never had a look into it to see whether all the money was there and merely took the word of another detective who handed it to him. After Chan Wing had disappeared, the wallet was handed to Sergeant Fitches. The case was adjourned.

citizens and increase their feeling of self-respect.

Another thing which likewise urgently needs to be regulated by law is the terrible smoke nuisance from the clouds of smoke emerging from the kitchen hearth through the living rooms into the street, to feel that a stop must put to this. It appears all to be a matter of demanding, again by law, of an up-to-date new type of stove, which would convey the smoke through the smoke stack high up into the air, and not let it wander all over the premises with its soot and stink. Truly, the methods employed now are utterly out of date and our well meaning Building Authorities will be glad to meet the desire of its citizens for improved laws, no doubt, and take the above into practical consideration at one of its next meetings.

In the near future a large number of new houses will be built on the Praya East Reclamation. It is now the duty of every citizen to co-operate with the Authorities to see that only up to date, modern and healthy houses will be erected there. Let us get rid of the slum type of houses of Wanchai, etc., and reflect the progress and the needs of our more enlightened and self-respecting age in the improvement of our Building Laws.—Yours, etc., HERBERT E. LANEPART.

Hong Kong, December 14th, 1928.

THE LAW OF PART-
NERSHIP.TAIPO FISHERMAN WINS
APPEAL CASE.ACCOUNT BOOKS ARE MERELY
EX-PARTE STATEMENTS.

Lee Wo Huen, the fisherman of Taipo, as he has become familiarly known, owing to his many appearances before Mr. Justice P. Jackson at the Summary Court, again got judgment in the case brought against him by the Wo Shing Hing Lung fish shop at Taipo.

Lee Wo Huen made his debut in the Summary Court when he sued the master and foks of the Wo Shing Hing Lung fish shop, and also a Chinese detective attached to the Taipo Police Station for wrongful arrest. He succeeded in his action and was awarded \$500 damages.

He was then sued by the Wo Shing Hing Lung fish shop for the recovery of the sum of \$583.17, and after a protracted hearing, his Lordship reserved judgment.

In both cases, Mr. A. el Arculli appeared for the fisherman, and Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones was for the Wo Shing Hing Lung firm.

THE JUDGMENT.

Delivering judgment yesterday afternoon, his Lordship said:—The plaintiffs in this action claim the sum of \$583.17 from the defendant, being (1) as to \$331.60 the balance due by the defendant in respect of loans made to him between the 14th day of the 1st moon, Yuet Chau year, and the 18th day of the 11th moon, Ting Mau year, by the Wo Shing Hing Lung Hop Kee, of Han On Street, Taipo, which loans were assigned to the plaintiffs by the Wo Shing Hing Lung Hop Kee on the 16th day of the 12th moon, Ting Mau year (January 9th, 1928); (2) as to \$251.57 the balance due by the defendant to the plaintiffs in respect of money lent and goods sold and delivered.

The defendant denies the first part of this claim but has admitted the second part and has paid \$38.57 into Court.

The plaintiffs base their claim for \$331.60 on an assignment dated the 16th day of the 12th moon, Ting Mau year, whereby some of the partners in the Wo Shing Hing Lung Hop Kee assigned the whole of their business, the amounts advanced to various shops both large and small, and book debts sign boards, the foundation fund of the Guilds, furniture inside and outside the shop, the whole concern in fact to Cheung Tai Kwai and Leung Chi Kwai, who now carry on the business as the Wo Shing Hing Lung.

This assignment was drawn up by the secretary of an institution which calls itself the Chamber of Commerce of Taipo. I do not know how this Society is constituted or what its local reputation is. Certain of its members appear to have taken the trouble to go through the books of the old firm and draw up a summary of debts and credits.

All this might give the transactions some weight amongst local traders but would not, of course, cure any legal defects.

The plaintiffs, as assignees, then proceeded to give notice of the transfer of the business to all the debtors of the firm of whom the defendant is alleged to be one. The plaintiffs have put in the books of the old firm as evidence of their claim.

The defence is, firstly, that the assignment of the business to the plaintiffs is not valid as all the partners in the old firm did not join in it to assign their interests; secondly, that he, the defendant, who handed it to his assignees, received no notice of the assignment; thirdly, that he did not owe any money to the old firm.

With regard to the first point, Tang Tsang Wo, who was one of the managers of the vendor firm admitted there were eight partners. Only four were described in the assignment as "makers of this document for the transfer of the whole concern of the business." There is no evidence that the other four partners concurred, in fact one has given evidence to the effect that he knew nothing about it until four or five months after.

The Partnership Ordinance.

Section five of the Partnership Ordinance, No. 1 of 1897, provides that "Every partner is an agent of the firm and his other partners for the purpose of the business of the partnership; and the acts of every partner who does any act for carrying on in the usual way business of the kind carried on by the firm of which he is a member, bind the firm and his partners, unless the partner so acting has, in fact, no authority to act for the firm in particular matter and the person with whom he is dealing either knows that he has no authority or does not know or believe him to be a partner."

The powers of a partner in the ordinary business dealings of a firm vary according to the nature of that business, in some kinds of business, the powers are very much wider than in others. In some cases extending to the sale or mortgaging of the firm's property; but I can find no authority for laying down that any partner or partners have any power express or implied for imposing of the whole business of the partnership, lock stock and barrel, without the consent of the other partners.

(Continued on next Column).

THE SHANGHAI OPIUM
SCANDAL.

FULL INQUIRY TO BE MADE.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9th.

High Chinese military, civil and police officials have assured the *United Press* that the opium scandal now in the limelight will be sifted to the bottom and those guilty severely dealt with.

The case, which originated when Chinese soldiers and police fought for the possession of a huge consignment of opium being unloaded from the steamer *Adams*, has stirred the entire Chinese community here as well as in Nanking.

Scores of telegrams have been sent to General Chiang Kai Shek and high officials, demanding a complete investigation into the matter. As matters stand now it is apparent that the Nationalist Government means business in its declaration to the effect that the scandal must be cleared up and the guilty punished.

When the opium was being landed police detectives are reported to have been arrested by the soldiers who won the day by carrying off the opium, some 20,000 ounces.

What is behind the scandal is a matter for investigation and disputes have arrived from Nanking to ferret out the truth, for the bare facts of the case, as reported in the Chinese newspapers, stand as a direct challenge to the elaborate machinery, recently brought into existence by Nanking for the suppression of opium smoking in China.

At first, a shrewd reading of the complex processes recommended for dealing with the question indicated that the case was likely to be thrown out of court, especially as the newspaper reports linked the names of high officials with the case, but there is evidence of a desire for stern action.

Immediately President Chiang Kai Shek was acquainted with the case, he ordered an investigation, and he further demonstrated his intention of dealing with the scandal by entering into a conference with all Government leaders and discussing the question. It is reported that a definite decision was reached at the conference, but the nature of the decision was not disclosed.

Chinese officials here predict that the investigation will succeed in clearing up the scandal for it should solve not only this isolated incident, but also have an effect on the general opium charges adhering to the name of Shanghai. Never in any regime or administration has Shanghai been free from the ugly rumour of an "opium combine."

Suspicious and charges in connection with large-scale opium trafficking have hung over Shanghai like a miasma for years, always there but never dispelled. If the National Government can free the name of Shanghai from the slur it will be one big achievement in its programme of reconstruction for China.—United Press.

There being no evidence before me that all the partners in the Wo Shing Hing Lung Hop Kee concurred in the transfer of the business to the plaintiff I am unable to hold that the transfer of the business is a good transfer.

I now come to the second point, the notice to the debtors of the firm of the transfer of the business. The plaintiffs have called a messenger who stated that he delivered a notice to the defendant personally in the market. This the defendant denies. I see no more reason for believing the one rather than the other so that I cannot rule that the plaintiffs have proved this point.

Books—Useful To Refresh A
Witness's Memory.

Lastly the plaintiffs, in support of their claim, merely produced the books of the old firm unsupported by any evidence as to when the entries were made, who made them and why they were made. Books are merely ex-parte statements; they are useful to refresh the memory of a witness who is giving evidence as to their contents when they have been kept in the ordinary way of business; but mistakes are liable to creep into the books, omissions often occur in them and as I have said already they are ex-parte statements made by one party or his servants. The defendant in this case says "I do not know or care what the plaintiffs have put in their books, I have never concurred in them and I do not owe the plaintiffs anything." In the face of a denial of this kind I cannot uphold the books put in by the plaintiffs unsupported by evidence of any kind by the clerks or accountants who made the entries.

It is true, as Mr. Hugh Jones said, that books are often put in in support of a claim, but even in cases where the defendant does not defend I am averse to giving judgment for the plaintiff on the books only. My practice has always been to call for some evidence of acknowledgment of indebtedness or receipt of the goods by a defendant and my experience has been that this has almost invariably been forthcoming.

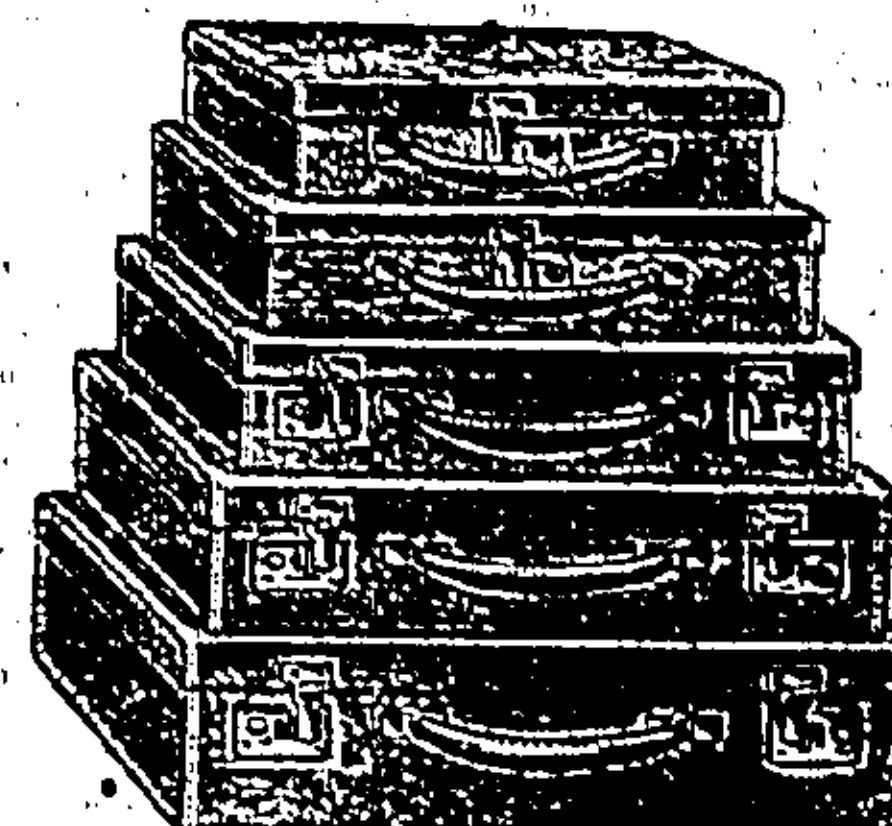
On the evidence I do not consider that the plaintiffs are entitled to success on their claim for \$331.60. I give judgment for the defendant with costs.

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AT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Association held on 14th DECEMBER, 1928, it was resolved that the Association be wound up and that JOHN FLEMING and ARCHIBALD BITHORPE, Chartered Accountants, be appointed Liquidators. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CREDITORS of the HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE are required on or before the 31st DAY OF DECEMBER, 1928, to send in Particulars of their Debts and Claims, if any, to the Underigned at CHARTERED BANK BUILDING, Victoria, Hong Kong, when Claims admitted will be paid in full.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1928.

JOHN FLEMING,
A. RITCHIE,
Liquidators.
[7114]

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L. C. F. BELLAMY,
General Manager.
Hong Kong, 15th Dec., 1928. [7108]

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 - Men's Doubles Handicap.
 - Men's Singles Handicap.
 - Ladies' Doubles Handicap.
 - Ladies' Singles Handicap.
 - Mixed Doubles. Open.
 - Men's Doubles. Open.
 - Men's Singles. Open.
- Tottenham Cup.
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X—Ladies' Singles. Open.
C. N. JOY, Lieut., R.A.
Hon. Secretary, U.S.R.C.
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ST. GEORGE'S BALL.

4th JANUARY, 1929.

MEMBERS are Requested to send in their Applications for TICKETS to the BALL as soon as possible to Messrs. RUTLIN & SOMMERFELT, Joint Ball Secretaries, c/o LINSTRAD & DAVIS [7081]

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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2th, 26th, 27th FEBRUARY,
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Hong Kong, 14th Dec., 1928. [7109]

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The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, DECEMBER 18th, 1928.

CONTRACTS AND PORT CUSTOMS.

In every line of business there

are certain established customs

which, though neither written nor

codified, have the practical effect

of statutory laws. When such

practices happen to run contrary

to the express terms of a contract,

which should have effect? English

law is clear on the point—trade

custom does not protect a party to

a contract from the consequences of

breach of agreement. A case was

recently argued in London in which

the question was raised of local

port customs, and their bearing

upon a definite contract

and condition by N. V. Kwik Hoo

Tung Handel Mij. on board the

steamship *Sentia*, lying in the

port of Cheribon for carriage to

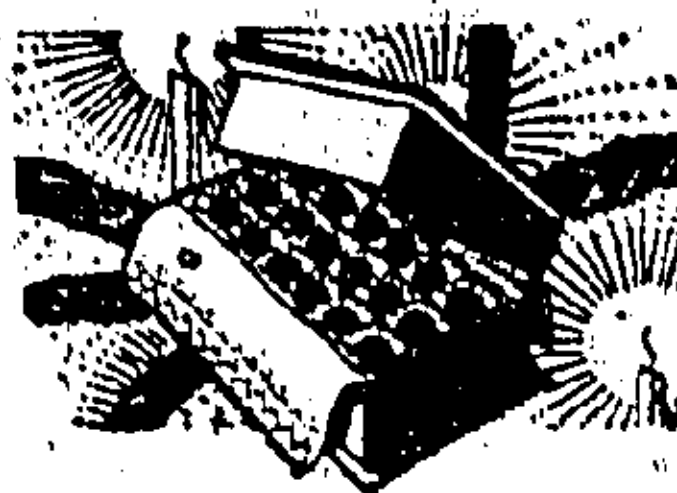
Bombay. "At the end

of the bill of lading were the

words: "Dated at Samarang this

30th day of September, 1929."

INTIMATIONS.



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The facts of the case, as stated by

counsel for the plaintiffs (Messrs.

James Finlay & Co.) were that

three contracts were made for the

purchase of sugar in Java. The

sales were c.i.f. Bombay and ship-

ment was to be made of stated quan-

tities during July, August and

September. The July and August

shipments took place as required,

but the September shipment was

not made in September, although

the bill of lading was dated Sep-

tember 30th. The documents were

presented to the plaintiffs, and be-

lieving them to be in order they

took them up and paid the price.

They resold part of the sugar to

Indian purchasers, but those pur-

chasers discovered that the sugar

was not, as it was described to be,

of September shipment, and refused

to carry out their contract. If the

plaintiffs had known the true facts

they would not have accepted the

sugar, and they therefore brought

an action for breach of contract.

The defendants (the Kwik Hoo

Tong Handel Maatschappij) con-

tended that on the true construction

of the contract the sugar had been

shipped in September as required,

for it had been put into lighters

even if it had not actually been

loaded on to the steamer in that

month. Alternatively, they pleaded

that the loading actually began on

September 30th and was finished in

October, and that it was a custom

of the port that goods the loading

of which had begun in a particular

month were considered goods of

that month's shipment, even if the

loading were not completed until a

later month. The contract for sub-

sale contained a clause as follows:—

"The bill or bills of lading shall

be conclusive evidence of the date

of shipment." The bill of lading

began: "Shipped in good order

News and Views.

Mr. Torikichi Obata, Japanese Ambassador to Turkey, has arrived in Japan for a six months' vacation before returning to his post.

Mr. Lloyd Kay, of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, was operated on for appendicitis on Saturday evening at the French Hospital, and is doing as well as can be expected.

Mr. Horacio J. de Garcia, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, the Son-in-Law of Mr. J. M. da Rocha, has recently obtained his medical diploma as a specialist of pulmonary tuberculosis at the University of Paris.

A Chinese who attempted to leap from a China Motor 'Bus' in Nathan Road yesterday afternoon, fell and was picked up unconscious. He was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital but died at 8.30 p.m. without regaining consciousness.

Mr. Horacio J. de Garcia, of the Chinese Maritime Customs, has recently obtained his medical diploma as a specialist of pulmonary tuberculosis at the University of Paris. Mr. de Garcia who is the son-in-law of Mr. J. M. da Rocha, has been the recipient of many congratulations.

Dr. A. R. Wellington, Hong Kong's new Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, is due to arrive here in January from F.M.S. The Colonial Office is understood holding over the appointment of an expert malariaologist for Hong Kong until Dr. Wellington has had time to investigate local conditions.

Eight cases of small-pox, 3 from Kowloon and 5 from Victoria were reported over the week-end. This is very satisfactory compared with recent returns, though it must be remembered that the Chinese show no eagerness to report cases. One British case of enteric and one Chinese case of diphtheria were also notified.

The Philharmonic Society gave another excellent performance of "Tom Jones" yesterday evening, when once more they had a large and most enthusiastic house. The next performance is at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow. It will be given again on Friday at 9 p.m. and the final performance is on Saturday evening at the same time.

Miss Vera Simonon, the author of "White Cargo" was among the passengers arriving here by the s.s. *President Madison*. She is travelling in quest of material for her next book and has spent several months in Japan, China and the Philippines, and is now on her way to Angkor. Perhaps Hong Kong will figure once more in modern literature. We certainly cannot complain of the attention we receive in that direction.

A significant indicator of the increasing use of the English language in the Philippines appeared through announcement that for the first time since organization of the town of Manila, Rizal minutes of sessions of the Municipal Council are now being written in English. Minutes formerly were kept in Spanish. Eight of the 10 present Council members speak English, although sessions of the Council are conducted in the local Tagalog dialect.

The question of water supply is receiving very close and careful attention by the Government, and if no appreciable amount of rain falls between now and the end of January, the authorities propose to arrange for a tank service on the Praya, from which a supplementary supply of water will be obtainable. The necessary preliminary arrangements have been made whereby such water-tanks, to serve the island, will be available at short notice should the necessity arise.

A sale of English toys and woolen goods made by the inmates of the Blind Girls Home Kowloon City, was held yesterday at the Helena May Institute. The toys were quickly disposed of but the very attractive woolen goods were not sold as rapidly as had been hoped. It must be remembered however that a similar sale was only very recently held. Our representative was told at about 5 p.m. that \$150 had been taken so far that day. There are between twenty and thirty blind girls and women who are taken care of by the Home and knitting is their main occupation and means of self support. The garments which are for both children and ladies are very well made and priced at little above the cost of the wool, they can be seen at any time at the Home where orders will be taken.

It is stated that Mr. Charles MacVough, American Ambassador to Japan, is unlikely to return to Tokyo, and probably will tender his resignation after President-Elect Hoover is inaugurated in Washington on March 4th. Mr. MacVough and his wife sailed from Yokohama for Vancouver, en route to the United States, on December 8th on the Canadian Pacific liner *Empress of France*. Mr. Edwin Neville, Counsellor of the Embassy, is Charge d'Affaires pending appointment of a new Ambassador after President Hoover assumes office.

"Peace," says Dr. Cyril Norwood, the Headmaster of Harrow, "is just a question of education, first and last." The fact that education and War have existed side by side for some thousands of years seems to me to detract from the weight of this attractive generalisation. It is even relevant to point out that War and Dr. Norwood coincided as recently as 1914, and that the diplomatic archives of Europe reveal no attempt by old Machiavilians to stop the war. History unfortunately makes it as plain as a pike staff that a high standard of intellectual development and national culture does not make all nations equally peaceable and all men equally virtuous. "The one lesson that History teaches is that History teaches us no lessons."—*Britannia*.

Dr. Davidson's tenure of his office of Archbishop of Canterbury has covered the most critical period in our history since the days of the Stuarts. His ecclesiastical career began when the foundations of Protestantism appeared to be threatened by scientific materialism. It ends at a time when the Catholic revival seems likely to prove a "gravier menace." Science, the enemy has even become in some measure the friend, though the friend is apt on occasion to be a little indiscreet. Even more, striking than the change in the intellectual outlook of Protestantism—from Bishop Colenso, who believed that every word of the Bible was literally true, to Bishop Barnes is a far cry—is the change in the social position of the Church. The strength of the Church of England today is no longer its hold on the countryside and its alliance with the squires and the governing class, but its hold over the poorer districts and big towns.

J. W. H. T. Douglas.

"Johnny" Douglas is annoyed. And when "Johnny" gets annoyed it is a certainty that the fur will fly. In unburdening himself of his views on the succession of H. M. Morris to the captaincy of the Essex county cricket team which he has held since 1911, J. W. H. T. Douglas reported to have complained of past disloyalty among his colleagues and to have interpreted the result of the election as an example of the "kicking out" process. Splendid sportsman, Douglas has never enjoyed that popularity which has often been the lot of less able men. He is not unapproachable or snobbish; neither does he suffer from an excess of modesty where games are concerned. He believes in himself and because he is convinced that in the best interests of the shire his leadership must be absolute, he adopts an autocratic manner, a manner which is at once his great strength as one of the ablest box-fighting referees in Great Britain and his besetting weakness as a county cricket captain.

Herr Stresemann's Health.

In spite of the favourable bulletins which have heralded Herr Stresemann's return to work his closest friends are still very worried about his health. On his arrival in Berlin he showed all his old vivacity, making jokes about his cure and pulling out his cigar case to show that he had been allowed to smoke again. But his colour is bad, and there is no doubt that he will have to be very careful for a long time. He has been ordered to rest every day, and it will be the duty of his subordinates to see that he obeys the doctor's orders. Whether they will be successful with a man of Herr Stresemann's nervous energy is very doubtful. At no time has the German Foreign Minister led a very regular life. He works at all hours, and his meals have to be eaten at 'impossibly' erratic moments. Everyone trusts that Herr Stresemann may be actually stronger than he looks. His loss to Germany at the present juncture would be serious. In the present moral state of most German politicians Herr Stresemann is almost the only man who can maintain an unruffled temperament and who can carry out a fixed programme.

More Howlers.

A deacon is the lowest form of Christian. The Prime Minister is the wife of the Prime Minister.

A vacuum is an empty space where the Pope lives.

A litre is a nest of young puppies.

Algebra was the wife of Euclid.

Water is composed of two gins, oxygen and hydrogen. Oxygen is pure gin and hydrogen is gin and water.

Queen Elizabeth rode through Coventry with nothing on, and Raleigh offered her his cloak.

The Navy is sometimes called the senile service.

What Wives Are Worth.

Legal opinion on damages to deserted husbands is strangely diverse. During a London case in which a petitioner was awarded £5,000 Mr. Justice Hill told the jury that the

BRITISH TREATY
NEGOTIATIONS.

CONCLUSION IN SIGHT.

NEW TARIFF ACCEPTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, Dec. 17th.
Sino-British negotiations are progressing over the drafting of the tariff treaty and it is expected that Sir Miles Lampson and Mr. C. T. Wang will need but one more conference before the document is ready for signature. Official circles are reticent but it is understood that Britain has not demanded the conventional tariffs. It is reported that Britain has no objections to the enforcement of the new tariff schedule.

Sir Miles Lampson was the guest of Mrs. Chiang Kai Shek at tiffin to-day, at which Chiang Kai Shek and C. T. Wang were also present. No less than five treaties are at present being negotiated at Nanking, all of which are expected to reach signature this week. These are the Portuguese, Swedish, Netherlands, French and British treaties.

TARIFF ENFORCEMENT
DATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17th.
A notice signed by the Chinese Superintendent and the Deputy Inspector-General of Customs announces that the new Import Tariff promulgated by the National Government will be enforced as from February 1st next.

FRENCH TREATY.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17th.
It is reported that the French Minister will soon return to Peking leaving the task of signing the new Sino-French Treaty to the French Consul-General at Shanghai. Following the conclusion of the Sino-French Treaty, negotiations for the renewal of the Sino-Annamite treaty will be opened as soon as the four Annamite delegates despatched by the Governor of Annam arrive in Nanking at the end of this month.

LEADERS RETURNING.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17th.
Mr. Tai Chi Fao, an influential leader and right hand man of Marshal Li Tsi Hsin, told Chinese Pressmen yesterday morning that the Nanking Central Government hoped that Mr. Wang Ching Wei might return home as soon as possible to assist in reconstruction work of the Kuomintang. He also expressed the hope that Mrs. Sun Yat Sen, who is staying at Berlin, would soon return.

COMMUNICATIONS

MINISTER.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17th.
Mr. Wang Peh Chun, the Minister of Communications, is inclined to withdraw his resignation as a result of the repeated requests of Marshal Chiang Kai Shek.

LI HSIN SUPPRESSED.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17th.
The Nanking Government has received a telegram from Kweichow that General Chou Sib Cheng has completely suppressed the rebellious forces led by General Li Hsin.

JAPANESE GOODS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao).

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17th.
The Japanese Boycott Committee at Peking has notified the merchants in the city to the effect that from January 1st next year buying and selling of Japanese goods will be absolutely prohibited while all Japanese goods which remain unsold will be laid in store temporarily until the satisfactory settlement of outstanding Sino-Japanese problems.

"SPIRIT OF CANTON."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17th.
The monoplane "Spirit of Canton" left for Canton at 8.30 a.m.

BRITISH CONSUL
DISAPPEARS.

LOST ON VOYAGE TO AMOY.

SUICIDE SUSPECTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17th.
Mr. Langford Smith, until lately the British Consul at Chefoo, and recently transferred to Amoy, joined the steamer *Ninghai* at Shanghai on December 13th for Amoy. The captain has now sent a wireless message to say that he is not on board. It is feared that he is missing.

On enquiry on arrival of the *Ninghai* at Amoy, it was stated that Mr. Langford Smith was last seen at 10 p.m. on the night of December 13th, going to his cabin. His absence was discovered on the following morning. Mr. Smith left letters, from which it is believed that he intended to commit suicide.NATIONALIST PRESS
OF GERMANY."BIG THREE'S" STATEMENT
SCORNED.

"EXTREMELY POOR."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 16th.
Sir Austen Chamberlain, who returned from Lugano to-day, expressed himself as "very well satisfied with the week's work" in the course of an interview with *Reuter's* representative.

A joint statement was issued by Sir Austen Chamberlain, M. Briand and Dr. Stresemann yesterday, as follows:

"The session of the Council of the League of Nations has enabled us to resume personal meetings which have been interrupted for some time and to proceed to a very useful exchange of views."

"These conversations have had the effect of confirming our view that the policy of conciliation and rapprochement followed by our respective Governments is best suited to assure peace. We remain faithfully attached to that policy."

A Final Settlement.

"In this spirit we will continue the negotiations begun in virtue of an agreement arrived at in Geneva on September 16th, last, by the six interested Powers. We are determined to do everything in our power to arrive as soon as possible at a final settlement of the mutual difficulties arising out of the War, and thus assure upon a basis of mutual confidence, the happy development of relations between our respective countries."

The joint statement has been well received in Britain, but the German Nationalist Press characterises it as "extremely poor" and holds that it is proved that fundamental questions still exist as an unbridgeable gulf between the French and the German points of view.

LABOUR TROUBLES IN
SHANGHAI.

GENERAL STRIKE FEARED.

SHANGHAI, December 8th.

(By Mail).
Shanghai faces another and a more serious general strike as the result of the strike of 1,200 employees of the French Tramway Company. The company operates several hundred street-cars and motor-buses. The strike has been in progress but a few days, but already expressions of sympathy and pledges of financial support have been received from almost every local Chinese labour union.

High officials of the International Settlement have informed the United Press that it is very probable that the entire transportation system of Greater Shanghai, as well as the postal system, will be tied up by strikes called out of sympathy for the street-car and bus workers.

The latter have presented a set of 16 demands to the company, the chief of which is for an increase of 20 per cent. in wages for every employee.

As a result of the strike thousands of persons living in the French Concession are obliged to walk to and from their places of employment, or resort to rickshas or motor-cars. The strike has proved a hardship for thousands of Chinese of the poorer classes, who are dependent upon the street cars and buses for means of transportation, both being cheaper, faster, and more comfortable than rickshas.

A spokesman for the strikers informed the United Press that the strikers have enough money to hold out for four or five weeks.

The company has stated that no negotiations will be carried on with the strikers until they have returned to work. — *United Press*.AFGHAN ARMY IN
REVOLT.

AMANULLAH TAKES REFUGE.

FEARS FOR FOREIGN
REPRESENTATIVES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NEW DELHI, Dec. 17th.
Rebels are attacking Kabul and serious fighting has taken place. Considerable anxiety is felt for the future.

It is reported from the frontier that King Amanullah and his Queen have taken refuge in a fort, the army having turned against them.

The rebels have captured two small forts, a number of rifles and a quantity of ammunition in the vicinity of Kabul, while at Jalalabad the Shinwari and Khugiani have ceased negotiations and have taken the field. They have captured an outpost at Kaja, inflicting casualties on regulars and irregular troops.

Villages Bombed.

Fighting with the Shinwari rebels round Jalalabad continues. Aeroplanes on Wednesday bombed the Shinwari villages, causing fifteen casualties. Rebels attempted to undermine the city wall at Jalalabad but were attacked by Mirzaman Khan, whose son was captured in this attack and subsequently shot.

The disturbances at Kabul and Jalalabad are apparently separate affairs. No letters have been exchanged between Kabul and India for a month, but the telegraph is still working.

Foreign Representatives.

Considerable anxiety is felt here in regard to the position at Kabul and the safety of foreign representatives. A wireless message states that the Legations are safe, but the Turks and Russians are unpopular as they are considered to be the promoters of radical, anti-clerical and other reforms.

The Afghan Legation in London has not received any news from the Afghanistan Foreign Office, neither has anything been heard from Sir Francis Humphries on the subject of fighting at Kabul.

GERMAN VIEW OF SUGAR
CRISIS.

BRITISH POLICY BLAMED.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA VITALLY
HIT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 16th.
A sidelight on the sudden and unexpected increase in the German sugar duties was thrown by Herr Bellowsky, the Director of one of the largest sugar beet concerns in Germany, in the course of an interview.

Herr Bellowsky blames Britain entirely for the recent upsets in the sugar industries. He considers that the British sugar policy is the main cause of the present chaotic state of the industry throughout the world.

Questioned regarding his reason for so saying, Herr Bellowsky declared that the increased duty on refined sugar imposed by Britain had vitally hit Czecho-Slovakia, whose exporters have been attempting to dump great quantities of sugar in Germany.

ROYAL SYMPATHY FOR
MINERS.

QUEEN'S GIFTS OF CLOTHES.

TOYS FOR PRINCESS
ELIZABETH.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 16th.
Her Majesty the Queen has sent a consignment of clothing and Christmas toys to the Lord Mayors of Cardiff and Newcastle for distribution among the families of unemployed miners, together with an expression of sympathy on behalf of the King and herself.

Princess Mary has also sent a consignment of children's boots, and on behalf of her two little sons, a large number of toys for distribution among the children.

The Duchess of York, on behalf of her little daughter, Princess Elizabeth, has also sent gifts of toys. Public subscriptions on behalf of the miners have reached a large proportion, and it is understood that the special State assistance, over and above the normal unemployment relief, which the Prime Minister will announce in Parliament to-morrow, will be used in such a manner as not to discourage the flow of private contributions from sympathisers.

NATURAL SLEEP
FOR THE KING.

ENCOURAGING REPORT.

BENEFITS OF RAY TREAT-
MENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 16th.
Ray therapy treatment was carried out on the King to-night, and at 8 p.m. the following bulletin signed by three doctors was issued at Buckingham Palace:

"The King has had a quiet day. The improvement noted in the morning bulletin has been maintained."

Ray therapy is being employed as a new method of attack upon the effects of the general infection from which the King is suffering. It acts as a general tonic, increases the bacterial resistance of the blood, and besides neutralising the infection would tend to promote healthy healing of the wound after the operation.

Decision Taken.

The decision to use ray therapy was finally made yesterday afternoon, although it is understood to have been considered previously. Sir Stanley Hewett and Lord Dawson were joined in consultation at the Palace by Drs. Woods and Howitt, who later returned with their apparatus, the Palace electrician, in the meantime, having prepared the necessary installation.

A FAIR NIGHT.

LONDON, Dec. 17th.
The bulletin issued at 10.45 this morning states that the King had a fair night, with some natural sleep towards morning. The slight improvement in his condition, noted yesterday, continues.

It is authoritatively stated that this bulletin represents a further slight advance, showing that His Majesty's condition is still slightly on the up grade. The words "natural sleep" are believed to mean that the King for the first time since his illness became serious has passed twenty-four hours without a sedative.

Such sleep is exactly what is wanted to build up his strength. An eminent radiologist said that the natural sleep was probably due to the ray treatment.

It is made clear that the adoption of this treatment does not indicate any unexpected development in the King's condition, and is supplementary to the normal treatment.

Method of Treatment.

How His Majesty would probably undergo the ultra-violet ray treatment is described by a London doctor, in an interview with *Reuter*. He said he presumed that the mercury vapour method would be employed.

The apparatus would be placed on a stand at the King's bedside, connected with the ordinary lighting circuit.

His Majesty, while his chest or back was bared to the light, would wear dark glasses, as also would the doctors in attendance.

The treatment would start with the smallest possible doses, and the doctor ventured the suggestion that to-night His Majesty would possibly only receive one application of half a minute, while he will be given an application of one minute to-morrow, eventually being given two exposures daily.

Any over-exposure would be most harmful, in the same way as sunburning. The doctors also stated the treatment usually soothes a patient and acts as a wonderful tonic.

EX-KITCHEN MAID'S
ADVENTURE."PRINCESS MARGARET OF
PRUSSIA."

BERLIN, Nov. 28th.

An astounding story was told in the Law Court at Erfurt, when an ex-kitchen maid, Martha Barth, who had successfully posed as "Princess Margaret of Prussia," was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, of which she has already served one year, since her arrest, on a charge of obtaining money by falsely pretending to be the illegitimate daughter of the ex-Kaiser's sister, the Queen of Greece.

Her victims were all small shopkeepers in South German towns, from whom she obtained goods on credit for her "dispossessed Royal relatives" who were ostensibly suffering poverty.

Two particularly credulous women whom she had ruined believed her to the last moment, when they followed her to Potsdam and found her hobnobbing with servants in a stable instead of with Royalties at the Palace.

AN ENGLISH STEEL
CORPORATION.

COMPETITION ELIMINATED.

ARMAMENT FIRMS IN
ALLIANCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 17th.
The *Manchester Guardian* states that Vickers Limited, Vickers, Armstrongs, Limited, and Cammell, Laird & Company have agreed to unite their armament businesses. The arrangement has led to the formation of the English Steel Corporation.

The *Manchester Guardian* says that the agreement means that the three great armament firms, which after the war had not sufficient business to keep them fully employed, now cease to compete with each other in certain departments.CHINA AND "EQUAL
RIGHTS."VIEWS OF MR. ALBERT
THOMAS.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16th.

Mr. Albert Thomas, director of the International Labour Office of the League of Nations, prior to leaving China for Japan, issued a statement to the *United Press* in which he sets forth that he is satisfied with the results of his journey.

Mr. Thomas, while in China, visited Hankow, Peking, Nanking and Shanghai. His statement follows:

"I am leaving China to-day after a fortnight's stay, during which I met the Kuomintang Party leaders, members of the Government, and leaders of workers' and employers' organizations."

"With the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour, I have arranged for collaboration between China and the International Labour Office. I appreciate the warm welcome I have received on all sides, and leave with the conviction that New China will collaborate actively with the international institutions at Geneva."

"I am highly satisfied with the results of my journey and the contacts I have made; particularly as I find the existence of a stable and united Government in China, capable of maintaining the unity of the Chinese Republic and economic reconstruction after years of civil war."

"Europe should take account of the change and of these efforts. A United Government and a United China was the first condition of renewed authority in international affairs, but that Government must be active. I am strongly of the opinion that a country of 400 millions should not ignore the activities and pre-occupations at Geneva—where all countries meet on an equal footing with equal rights."

"I have asked China to undertake social legislation, now lacking, so that the International Labour Office might secure its application in the concessions and leased territories. For this purpose, the Labour Office will give the collaboration promised at Washington and will work to secure equality of treatment for Chinese in all countries."

"The principles of sovereignty and welfare of peoples proclaimed by the Apostle of New China, Sun Yat Sen, echo the principles of modern Western communities and should be the basis of an entente between all peoples." — *United Press*.DIPLOMATIC CHANGES IN
JAPAN.

DEPARTING AMBASSADORS.

TOKYO, Dec. 17th.

Dr. Wilhelm Solf, German Ambassador to Japan, was scheduled to sail for home to-day on the *Katori Maru* after a long and distinguished career in Tokyo, during much of which he has been doyen of the Diplomatic Corps. He will be succeeded by Dr. Voretsh, a veteran German diplomat.The Brazilian Ambassador, Mr. Feltosa, transferred to Belgium, also is departing from Tokyo to-day for Brussels. The Norwegian Minister to Japan, Johann Wilhelm Miquel, transferred to Brazil, will sail for Rio de Janeiro towards the end of the month, and the Swedish Minister, Herman Ewerlof, transferred to Copenhagen, also will depart for his new post before new year. — *United Press*.GIANT AVIATION
MERGER.AMERICAN-INDUSTRY'S RAPID
GROWTH.IMPRESSIVE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 17th.
The biggest merger yet undertaken in the rapidly growing aviation industry has been completed with the organization of the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation. The market value of the capital is \$150,000,000.

The executive heads of General Motors, the Ford Company, the Standard Oil Company, and the National City Bank of New York will be included on the Board of Directors of the new concern.

OPIUM RESTRICTIONS IN
TURKEY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ANGORA, Dec. 16th.

The Turkish Parliament has adopted a Government Bill, restricting the sale of opium and other narcotic drugs.

CHINESE CONSUL-GENERAL
AT MANILA.

MAN OF NEW CHINA TYPE.

NEW LINK IN SINO-AMERICAN
FRIENDSHIP.

MANILA, Dec. 15th.

The arrival here of Mr. H. K. Kwong to serve as new Chinese Consul-General to the Philippines is expected to forge a new link connecting Nationalist China with both the Philippines and the United States.

Kwong is a young and energetic "new China" type who has the qualifications of both an American education—with degrees from both Princeton and Columbia—and of close personal contact with the events of the past few years in China.

His arrival in Manila was attended with the most spectacular welcome ever given an incoming Chinese Consul. Thousands of his countrymen thronged the pier in such numbers as to render the usual shipboard reception impossible; Kwong was almost mobbed by those eager to see him and if possible to shake his hand, and he was escorted to the Consulate by a long line of gaily-decorated motor-cars and several bands.

Delegation after delegation of astute Philippines-dwelling Chinese has been calling since then; Kwong has been in great demand for speeches, and luncheons and dinners have been given in his honour.

Behind all this lies an intense desire on the part of the many Chinese living here to keep strong the contact with their native China, whose transition they have materially assisted with their hard-earned money, and to keep their position with the Philippines Government and the overshadowing Government of the United States equally strong.

Kwong evidently strikes them as the man to do the job. They know of his ability as shown academically, in business in China, and in his recent governmental service; they know that he made many American friends in the United States and in China; and his close friendship with the Chinese Foreign Minister, C. T. Wang may likewise have its place in their calculations.

As a former newspaperman himself, Kwong knows the power of the press and he has thus far obtained excellent publicity for his Government and its purposes.

"Glad To Be In Philippines." "I am glad to be in the Philippines because, while remaining close to my own China, I am here once more under the American flag," Kwong told the *United Press*.

"My years of education in the United States gave me many American friends and a strong liking for American ways, so I consider this a most fortunate position."

"It is my desire to further the welfare of Chinese in the Philippines, of course. I likewise hope that trade relations between China and the Philippines may be strengthened, for their mutual benefit."

"The historic friendship of China and the United States should be a tie enabling the closest co-operation in the Philippines as an American outpost which is close to China and can profit through such proximity. It will be a pleasure for me to aid such co-operation." — *United Press*.SOUTH AMERICAN
FERMENT.FEVERISH MOBILISATION IN
PARAGUAY.

BOLIVIAN AIR RAID.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 16th.
A message from Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay, reports that the Government has issued a Proclamation ordering the mobilisation of all males between the ages of 18 and 28 throughout Paraguay.

The President however has refused to sanction the Cabinet's decree for the mobilising of these men on the ground that there are still other means of defence.

The president later, signed a decree mobilising all men between the ages of eighteen and twenty-nine.

Great enthusiasm for the war prevails in Paraguay, and it is stated, that many battalions of volunteers are now organising, and training with feverish energy.

It is alleged that a number of ex-officers of the Chilean Army have offered their services to the Government of Paraguay.

A communique from Asuncion states that a Bolivian aeroplane flew over Bahia Negra and dropped four bombs, none of which exploded.

Note From The League.

LUGANO, Dec. 16th.

Regarding the serious dispute between Paraguay and Bolivia, the League Council has agreed on the text of a Note to these two countries, and decided to send a copy of the correspondence to all States members of the League, and to non-member States, on the American Continent.

M. Briand, as acting President, was invited to keep in touch with the situation and, if necessary, to summon an extraordinary meeting of the Council.

The Council's note underlines Bolivia's declaration that she will not depart from her obligations under the League Covenant, and Paraguay's assurance faithfully to fulfil her obligations and accept any procedure for the settlement of the dispute.

No Aggression.

Attention is also drawn to the fact that the States cannot, without breaking their engagements, fail to have recourse to one of the procedures provided in the Covenant, whose terms are cited with special reference to Articles 12 and 13.

The two Governments are also warned of the importance of carefully limiting the measures of self-defence in such a manner that they could not be interpreted as aggressive.

Briand's Admonition.

M. Briand has addressed a message to the disputing Governments repeating his previous admonitions and urgently requesting that the situation should not be compromised or a pacific procedure hampered.

The Bolivian Government had earlier enabled M. Briand accusing the Paraguayan Government of aggressiveness in preparing to attack Bolivian forts, declaring that Boqueron Fort, which they admit they have captured, was recently built by Paraguay in the zone of territory to which Bolivia has an indisputable right.

In view of the developments, the League Council will probably hold an extraordinary Session in Paris.

MISSING CHRISTMAS MAILS.

OFFICIAL COMPLAINT
AGAINST DOLLAR LINE.

MANILA, Dec. 15th.

Because of repeated robbery of mails carried by steamship from the United States to Manila, Director Jose Topacio, of the Philippines Bureau of Posts, has filed formal complaint with local agents of the Robert Dollar Steamship Company, which holds an exclusive United States-Philippines mail contract.

Christmas mails on board both the *President Cleveland* and the *President Madison* were robbed, the discoveries being but five days apart, while there have been other incidents previously.

Topacio stated in his complaint that "this office is convinced that there is very little protection given to the mail aboard the 'Presidents,' as under the present system of stowing mail no one is held responsible for its safety."

Twelve bags on the *Cleveland* were ripped open, and in the opinion of the Director of Posts, public confidence in the safety of the mails has been greatly impaired.

One theory as to the robberies is that they are the work of an organized gang in Hong Kong or Shanghai. The principal interest, it is thought, is in mail from Amsterdam, which comes to the Far East via Siberia and is put on the boats at Shanghai.

Jewellery from Amsterdam is said to have been taken in the most recent robberies.

GOLF NOTES.

[By R.H.H.]

At the annual meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club yesterday evening, Mr. L. S. Greenhill was elected Captain of the Club for the next year. The debt of gratitude which everyone who plays over Fanling owes to Mr. Greenhill is, I believe, incalculable and one can only regret that Mr. Greenhill himself does not take greater advantage of his own labours. By electing him Captain for the ensuing year the Club has very fittingly shown that his work as an extremely expert member of the Greens Committee has not passed unnoticed.

The tragedy of the Championship is certainly the accident to Marton, which forced him to scratch in the semifinal. Five minutes before the end of a game of hockey on Wednesday he badly sprained his ankle and there is not much chance of his playing golf again for several weeks yet. It is terribly bad luck for him, for he had an excellent chance of winning. Unless something very unusual had happened, he was practically certain to have beaten Hollis in the semifinal, and with Shewan already out of the Championship, the odds would have been on Marton in the final. Of course there would have been no sort of certainty there, for Stewart is a very difficult man to beat, and is quite capable of playing as good golf as anyone in the Colony. On the other hand, Marton in the first and second rounds last Sunday week, though he was not very happy, was turning out to be about the best golfer he has played since he came here. He was hitting the ball immense distances—he would have had an advantage over Stewart there—and his second shots were very accurate. This accident was a cruel bit of bad luck for him.

Sunday was an ideal day for golf, with but little sun and a cool breeze, and there was a good deal of interest taken in the result of the semifinal match between Stewart and MacDonald. MacDonald had put himself very much in the public eye by reason of his victories the Sunday before over Andrews and Shewan, both at the 19th hole, while of course Stewart's form was well-known. Actually the match was a little disappointing, for MacDonald can play a great deal better than he actually did. He was cutting almost every shot he played, which clearly worried him, and of course left him a lot of ground to make up. Stewart was playing well, but not too well. He made many mistakes, but played a number of brilliant recoveries to save himself time and again. His work on the greens, with the exception of two very tiny putts which he missed, was very sound, though the real brilliance lay in the little chip shots which he was laying very close to the pin. His driving was far from impeccable, and on several holes he found trouble on the right of the course.

The turning point of the match came at the 13th. Stewart had been 4 up at the 8th, but by the 13th hole MacDonald had reduced the lead to two. Both hit poor drives at the 13th, and neither got up with his second. MacDonald was lying inside Stewart after each had played 3, and had a holeable putt for a 4. However, Stewart was short with his first putt and half stymied him and MacDonald went too boldly to the hole and missed. Stewart came back. Thus he found himself 3 down, when there seemed a good chance of only being one down. Again at the next MacDonald was in the middle of the fairway but short of the green, while Stewart was in bad trouble to the right. Stewart was just off the edge of the green with his second, but MacDonald's run up got a bad kick and finished very wide of the pin. Finally Stewart got his 4 to MacDonald's 5, and finished the match with a good victory 5 and 3. Even had MacDonald won both the 13th and 14th, and brought Stewart back to all square, as he well might have done with a little more luck, Stewart would probably still have won, for he was playing the better golf on the day, but there would have been another very close finish.

The final over 36 holes will be played next Sunday. On considerations of handicap, ability and experience Stewart obviously should have everything his own way, but actually it is not likely to be a run-away affair, as Hollis has been winning his matches consistently for some little time, and generally playing fairly good golf. Each has played two matches in the Championship, Stewart beating Ferguson by one hole and MacDonald by 5 and 3, and Hollis winning from Robertson by 5 and 4 and from Walker 2 up. The chances are obviously in favour of Stewart, but I think there is a tradition that the winner of the Jasper Clark Cup does not win the Championship.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW OF THE POSITION.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club was held yesterday evening in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. About 40 members and the following members of the Committee were present:—Mr. E. R. Hallifax (Captain); Col. A. D. Matthews (Secretary); Messrs. L. S. Greenhill, J. W. Franks, A. B. Stewart, L. G. S. Dodwell, K. S. Morrison, J. D. Kinnaird, C. B. Lambert, and C. L. Sandes.

The report which was read by Mr. Hallifax gave a number of interesting details about the financial position of the Club, its policy and the state of the various courses.

No questions were asked and the report and accounts were passed unanimously on the proposal of the Captain, seconded by Mr. E. Davidson.

The Chairman proposed an amendment to the rules to the effect that the \$2 extra subscription should be continued from December 31st, 1928, for two years, provided that any member may elect to pay green fees of \$1 per diem when he plays at Fanling instead of paying such additional subscription. This amendment was seconded by Mr. Davidson and carried unanimously.

Election Of Committee.

The following were elected to the Committee for the ensuing year:—Messrs. L. S. Greenhill (Captain), L. R. Andrews, Edgar Davidson, H. D. Ireland, J. D. Kinnaird, K. S. Morrison, C. B. Sandes, H. G. Sheldon, N. L. Smith, G. E. Towne.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming were re-elected auditors.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman said *inter alia*:—

Position Satisfactory.

The outstanding point is the reduction in the profits for the year from \$7,477.69 to \$4,306.05 but the position can still safely be called a very satisfactory one. We have had to bear very heavy additional expenses during 1928. Expenditure on passages and leave which not necessarily annual will have to be considered as a standard charge, and in fact passages will be required in 1929 for Mr. and Mrs. Kerr. Members will I am sure be glad to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Kerr have signed an agreement to continue with the Club for another three years, after the expiration of their leave next Autumn.

Happy Valley Course.

Concerning improvements to the courses and the Club Houses I will begin with the Happy Valley. The Committee during the year considered an offer for purchasing the disused Garrison Pavilion and for re-establishing there our Club House. We decided that it was wiser to wait until the mullah works were completed and until it might be possible to re-erect a new Club House. That question remains over for the consideration of future Committees. The Course itself has given great satisfaction.

Deep Water Bay.

Many attempts have been made to extend the course, but any such idea must be definitely and finally abandoned. Deep Water Bay must stay more or less as it is, and be treated in its natural character of an extremely useful picnic course which, incidentally, is a source of considerable profit to the Club. Improvements to the Club House itself have been made, including the furnishing of the up-stairs room at the request of the Ladies' Committee.

Fanling.

The popularity of Fanling continues unabated. The standard of the domestic arrangements and of the food has been well maintained under Mrs. Kerr and no member can fail to notice the greatly improved condition of the course and the greens as a whole. Great credit is due to Mr. Kerr and his staff for this excellent result, but the motor mowers and rollers and the top-dressing deserves to be kept prominently in mind, and the outgoing Committee would like to emphasise the necessity of getting as much work in this direction as can properly be afforded, done annually.

Comfort And Safety Of Members.

There have been also a number of more or less important improvements made on the course itself which add to the comfort and safety of the members.

Extra Ground.

One matter that stands out very prominently in connection with the new Course is the extra ground which the Committee have taken the responsibility of acquiring with

a view to including it in the second half of that course and so extending the whole links as to make it comparable in length at least with the Old Course. This scheme will make it possible to accommodate a considerable extra number of players, and at the same time it is proposed to leave the present 13th and 14th holes of the second half of the new course open for practice and a turf nursery.

Waiting List.

A full length new Course will enable us to meet one of the difficulties that the Club will surely have to face in the near future and that is the question of a waiting list. We are overcrowded on the Old Course on busy days but it is not impossible to believe that we may have absorbed practically all those in the Colony who are eligible as members of the Club. If we construct the new course in such a way that it provides a good day's golf and loses the character which the second nine holes have been inclined to give it of something of a toy course, it may be possible to make a waiting list in the form of exclusion only from the old course on busy days. Golf having become the standard form of recreation for Sundays and holidays in Hong Kong, our object therefore should be, to have no waiting list of the nature which means "you must not play at all on certain days."

New Arrivals From Home.

First among those for whom we ought to cater, I put the younger generation—the new arrivals from home.

Fourball Matches.

Before I leave the question of the accommodation at Fanling for players the Committee wish to draw attention to one matter. Four balls must be catered for but it is only too common to see players in such a match laboriously struggling along, strokes and strokes behind when the hole has long been lost. Further when a ball is put into the rough it is not uncommon to see even all the other three players and all their caddies looking for it. A lost ball in a four-ball match should be the funeral of the individual player alone.

3 1/2 Hours For Single Round.

If simple points of this nature and the real character of the four-ball game were borne in mind it would hardly be possible for us to have the state of things about which so many complaints are now made, that of a Sunday afternoon it can take as much as 3 1/2 hours for a single round.

The four-ball being the accepted recognised form of game for Sunday and holiday afternoons, it seemed to the Committee not unreasonable to allow the two single matches which were to constitute the afternoon's four-ball game, to draw consecutive times for the morning single. If the Secretary is notified in time, the four balls will be put together into the hat to draw two starting times together, and there will be no better chance of a good time being given than in any other case. In fact, there are obvious objections to the scheme from the players' point of view: for if a bad time is drawn four people suffer in place of two only. But their four-ball becomes easy to arrange; and the experiment is being tried for the many who take more interest in the afternoon four-ball than in the morning single. It will be very soon evident whether the plan is or is not welcomed by members; and the Committee can discontinue it at any time.

I should note that the electrical machinery at Fanling which has done the Club very well indeed is rapidly approaching the end of its life.

Extra Subscription To Be Continued.

If members approve of the conduct of the Club affairs by the Committee during this past year they will I think be prepared to continue the extra subscription of \$2 which was originally instituted as a war matter. That subscription means more than \$1,200 a month and as our net profit for the year is under \$5,000 it will be seen that a reduction of the subscription from \$7 to \$5 will mean at once that we must draw in our horns and that we cannot continue even on the present scale.

A New Club House.

Any thought of building a new and expensive Club House at Fanling which many members are anxious to see would have definitely to be abandoned for the time. The Committee ask members to agree to a continuation of the extra \$2 subscription for another two years.

Club Indebted To P.W.D.

The Club is very much indebted indeed to the Public Works Department especially Mr. Sutton, and Mr. Fraser the District Officer. Mr. Lissaman also has spent a lot of the time which he might have spent playing golf in supervising the construction of the road work.

Thanks To Mr. Blaker.

I am asked to record the Committee's appreciation of the work of Mr. B. O. Blaker who undertook the duties of Secretary during the absence of Colonel Matthews. Mr. Blaker organized our own office which was only instituted at the beginning of the year and set himself to justify the new arrangements and did so with the very greatest success and the whole Club worked extremely smoothly under him.

(Continued on next Column).

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

BOGEY POOL—FANLING, DEC. 15TH-16TH.

E. P. Fletcher 3 up wins
Other scores:
D. M. Goodall 1 up
N. L. Smith 3 down
A. Webster 5 down

SACRAMENTO GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

WIN FOR TOMMY ARMOUR.

COTTON DOES WELL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 17th.
Tommy Armour of Washington has won the \$2,700 Sacramento open golf championship with a score of 350 for 72 holes. The young English professional, Harry Cotton, was third with a return of 396.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S SPECIAL CHARITY MATCH.

The Annual Charity Football Match, The Royal Navy v. The Army, will be played at Hong Kong Football Club ground, Happy Valley, to-day (Tuesday). Kick-off at 4 p.m. The Army will field the team which defeated the Chinese in the final of the Lai Wah Cup Competition on Saturday.

By kind permission of the Officer Commanding, the Pipes and Drums of 2nd Bn. O.S.B. and the Band of 1st Bn. Beds. and Herts. Regt., will play from 3.15 p.m.

The proceeds of the match will be devoted to Naval and Army charities. The match ball has been kindly presented by the Hong Kong Football Association and will be raffied after the game.

The referee will be Mr. W. E. Hollands, Hon. Sec., H.K.F.A.

HOCKEY.

UNIVERSITY 1ST XI. v. Y.M.C.A. "A."

This game takes place to-day.
University: A. A. Rumbold, D. Rai, X. P. Gan, C. W. Lim, G. A. C. Herklotz, G. E. Yeoh, K. T. Loke (Capt.), Y. C. Teh, G. S. Scully, Dr. Osman and A. B. Suleiman.
Bully off at 5 p.m. at King's Park, Kowloon.

TENNIS.

LADIES' COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP SINGLES.

The final of this event has been arranged for next Thursday and will be played at the L.R.C. at 3.30 p.m.

Finalists: Mrs. R. E. Tottenham (holder) and Miss Enid Lo.
Results of previous rounds:—
1st Round:—Mrs. Tottenham beat Mrs. W. Sayer; Miss Heard beat Mrs. Davenport Brown; Mrs. Grigor beat Mrs. Miles; Mrs. James beat Mrs. Lissaman; Mrs. D. Smith beat Mrs. J. Howe; Mrs. Blaker beat Mrs. Grove; Miss Lo beat Mrs. Gull; Mrs. Womack beat Mrs. R. Taylor.

2nd Round:—Mrs. Tottenham beat Mrs. Heard; Mrs. James beat Mrs. Grigor; Mrs. Smith beat Mrs. Blaker; Miss Lo beat Mrs. Womack.
Semi-Finals:—Mrs. Tottenham beat Mrs. James, 6-0, 6-1; Miss Lo beat Mrs. Smith, 10-8, 6-3.

H.E. Mr. J. L. Humphreys.
We have to thank His Excellency, Mr. J. L. Humphreys, Governor of B. N. Borneo for two cups to be played for in foursomes. A very fine and enthusiastic golfer, Mr. Humphreys gave us valuable advice in matters connected with the club—principally bunkers.

Each year it is our lot to record the death of members of the Club and since our last General Meeting the names of Mr. R. J. Birbeck, Mr. L. P. Townsend (Senior) and Mr. M. R. Dickson have to be added to the list.

Professional Of High Reputation And Experience.

The Committee wishes me to bring to the notice of members the presence in the Colony of a professional of very high reputation and qualifications. Mr. Smith is here only for the winter months and his experience will constitute a valuable guide to future Committees in considering the difficult question of engaging our own Pro. We all want to engage one but have hitherto had no means of knowing what the enterprise would mean to the Club financially.

THE SECOND TEST MATCH.

HAMMOND'S DOUBLE CENTURY.

ENGLAND 420 FOR 5 WICKETS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Hammond and Jardine resumed the English innings to-day before a crowd of 35,000 in brilliant hot weather on a hard pitch. Leyland is in bed with a slight attack of influenza and Ames, the Kent wicket keeper, is acting as 12th man.

Hammond had scored 33 and Jardine 23 of the overnight total of 113. When the score had been raised to 145 by careful cricket, Jardine was run out, Blackie brilliantly throwing down the wicket. He had played a restrained innings lasting 94 minutes.

Hendren then joined Hammond, and the rate of scoring quickened. Hammond was very severe on any loose ball, while Hendren exploited the on-drive and the hook to put Blackie to the boundary. The lunch interval was taken at the score of 193 for 3, Hammond being 59 not out, and Hendren 27 not out. In the first over after lunch Hammond sent up the 200—after 533 minutes' play, with a late cut to the boundary. Then with a glorious drive past cover he completed his 100 after batting three hours and a quarter. Hendren completed his 50 in 35 minutes. The innings had been in progress just under five hours when Australia's total was passed.

Hendren's spirited innings of 74 came to an end after he had been at the wickets for three minutes over the two hours, when he put a ball from Blackie into Richardson's hands at silly mid-on. The Middlesex man had hit eight fours. The score stood at 283 for four wickets. A. P. F. Chapman then joined Hammond and they took the score to 337 (Hammond 150, Chapman 17) when the game stopped for the tea interval. When the score board was at 341 Chapman was caught by Ryder, Blackie again being the bowler, for 20.

Hammond's score was 189, the second highest score ever made by an English player in an Australian Test Match and beating Hobbs' score of 187 at Adelaide in 1912.

Hammond and Larwood continued to punish the bowling and when stumps were drawn the score stood at 420 for 5 wickets. Larwood had scored 37 and Hammond had made 301.

Hammond was at the height of his brilliance after lunch, but later he tired somewhat. However he continued to play amazingly good cricket, his only serious mistake being a hard return to Ryder when his score stood at 145. He has been batting for six and a half hours.

Hammond is the fifth "double century" in the Anglo-Australian test matches.

The highest score in Anglo-Australian test cricket is R. E. Forster's 287 at Sydney in 1903 and the other double centuries were 201 by S. E. Gregory at Sydney in 1894-5, 211 by W. F. Lardner at the Oval in 1884 and 201, not out, by Ryder at Adelaide in 1924-5.

Score.

Australia—1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, l.b.w. b	68
Geary	27
V. Y. Richardson, b Larwood	9
A. F. Kippax, b Geary	9
W. H. Ponsford, retired hurt	5
H. L. Hendry, b Geary	37
J. S. Ryder, l.b.w. b Geary	23
O. E. Nothing, b Larwood	8
W. A. Oldfield, not out	41
C. V. Grimmett, run out	9
D. D. J. Blackie, b Geary	78
H. Ironmonger, c Duckworth, b Larwood	1
Extras	15
Total	233

Fall of the wickets:—
51; 9/63; 3/75; 4/152; 5/153; 6/171; 7/192; 8/222; 9/251; 10/253.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Larwood	26.2	4	77	3
Tate	21	9	29	0
White	30	10	79	0
Geary	19	5	35	5
Hammond	5	0	13	0

England—1st Innings.

J. B. Hobbs, c Oldfield, b Grimmett	40
H. Sutcliffe, c Hendry, b Ironmonger	11
W. R. Hammond, not out	201
D. R. Jardine, run out	28
Hendren, c Richardson, b Blackie	74
A. P. F. Chapman, c Ryder, b Blackie	20
Larwood, not out	37
Extras	0
Total	430

Fall of the wickets:—
1/37; 2/65; 3/148; 4/233; 5/341.

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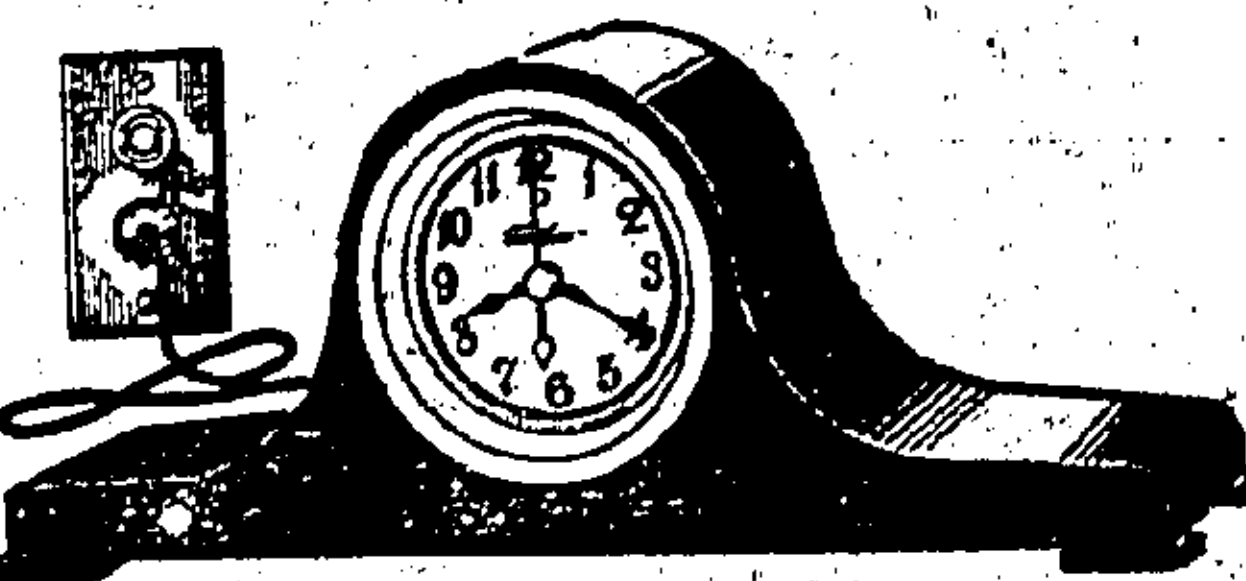
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Temperature... 84 61 64
Humidity... 60 78 63

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Force... 0 0 0
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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 18th to 24th, 1928.

High Water Low Water

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"Grand Choeur in C Major"

"Spring Song"

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"Canilene Nuptiale" Organ solo by Stanley Roper.

"Bohemian Girl"—Vocal Gems

"At Parting" Light Opera Company.

"At Dawning" Mary Garden.

"Morning Meditation" The Chorus

"The Charm" Emilio De Gogorza.

"Annie Laurie" Long, Long Ago

"My Old Love" Hilda Lashanska.

"Roselinda" Tito Schipa.

"Song My Mother Taught Me" Rosa Ponselle.

"Since First I Met Thee" Renee Chemet.

"Oh Promise Me" Renee Chemet.

"Love's Garden of Roses" Renee Chemet.

"No Night There" Marion Talley.

"In The Garden" Marion Talley.

"Dance of the Gnomes" Sergei Rachmaninoff.

"Etude Tableaux" Sergei Rachmaninoff.

"Lucia Di Lammermoor" Toti Dal Monte.

"Mad Scene" Toti Dal Monte.

"Pomp and Circumstance" March

"Largo" Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

"Wine, Woman and Song" Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

"Southern Roses"—Waltz Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

"Lucia Di Lammermoor" Silence O'er All

"Daughter of the Regiment" 'Tis Time To Part

"Waltz in E Flat" Piano Solo by Harold Bauer.

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"My Old Kentucky Home" Rosa Ponselle.

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Hong Kong, 16th Dec., 1928. [7111]

H.M.S. *Scorpio* and H.M.S. *Somme* arrived at Shanghai from Hong Kong on Sunday.

On Sunday the transport *Neura* left Singapore for Hong Kong, having on board the 2nd Battalion of the "South Staffordshire" Regiment, bound for Shanghai from Southampton.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

THE Motor Ship "FULDA"

having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery may be obtained.

All Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th of December, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, at 10 a.m. on the 22nd of December, 1928.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for counter-signature.

MELOCHERS & CO.,

Agents.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1928. [7116]

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THE Steamship "TAKADA"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery may be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to the arrival of the vessel.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th December, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, at 10 a.m. on the 22nd of December, 1928.

All Claims must be presented within Ten days of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1928. [7099]

THE Steamship "TALMA"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery may be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to the arrival of the vessel.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for counter-signature.

MELOCHERS & CO.,

Agents.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1928. [7099]

THE Steamship "REMSCHIED"

having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns at Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where Delivery may be obtained.

All Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st of December, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, at 10 a.m. on the 19th of December, 1928.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognised.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for counter-signature.

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News. Vessels Expected, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPROVEMENT IN IMPORTS.

THROUGH FREIGHTS DECREASE.

The general cargo returns for the period ending at 9 a.m. yesterday showed a very good total as regards local imports but through freights were below average. Fifteen arrivals and eleven departures were shown of which six arrivals and three departures were British.

Twelve vessels discharged 10,463 tons of general merchandise for this port, and three British ships contributed 2,780 tons. The s.s. *Semiramis* (Dutch) discharged the heaviest cargo, 6,360 tons of benzine and empty drums from Balikpapan, and the s.s. *Makura Maru* (Japanese) had 4,000 tons of coal from Hakata and Keelung.

Seven vessels carried 11,000 tons of through cargo, of which six were British with 1,868 tons. The only foreign carrier, the s.s. *Oldenburg* (German) from Hamburg and Singapore, had 9,135 tons of general merchandise. The s.s. *Ting Sang* (British) carried 1,040 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	8	3
French	1	1
German	1	1
Dutch	2	0
Norwegian	1	1
Japanese	1	1
Chinese	3	3
Danish	0	1
Total	15	11

DETAILS OF FREIGHTS.

Cheungshing (British) arrived from Taingao and Swatow with 1,110 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 160 tons for other ports.

Kwaning (British) arrived from Canton with 201 tons of general merchandise for through ports.

Ting Sang (British) arrived from Tongku and Swatow with 240 tons of cargo for Hong Kong and 1,040 tons for ports beyond this Colony.

Chuan (British) arrived from Tongku and Swatow with 103 tons of general cargo for through ports.

Kaying (British) arrived from Bangkok and Swatow with 1,430 tons of general merchandise for Hong Kong and 32 tons of teak-wood for Shanghai.

Shantung (British) arrived from Canton with 150 tons of general merchandise for ports beyond.

Taiposk (French) arrived from Port Bayard with 350 tons of general cargo for this port.

Oldenburg (German) arrived from Hamburg and Singapore with 9,135 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong and 9,135 tons for other ports.

Tilbeet (Dutch) arrived from Batavia and Amoy with 1,920 tons of general cargo for Hong Kong.

Shantung (British) arrived from Balikpapan with 1,569 tons of benzine and 1,065 cases and drums for Hong Kong, and 5,861 tons for through ports.

Solviken (Norwegian) arrived from Saigon with 2,851 tons of rice and flour for Hong Kong.

Mikage Maru (Japanese) arrived from Hakata and Keelung with 4,000 tons of coal for Hong Kong.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.
President Jackson, Dec. 21st.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Taiiping, January 4th.

Changte, February 8th.

Bank Line.
City of Madras, Dec. 26th.

Leverbank, January 8th.

City of Bedford, Jan. 8th.

City of Pekin, January 19th.

City of Baroda, February 1st.

Sea Line.
Denmark, Dec. 20th.

Blue Funnel Line.
Proterious, to-morrow.

Glaucus, December 20th.

Hector, Dec. 24th.

Thetis, Dec. 30th.

Achilles, January 6th.

Perseus, January 8th.

Talithybia, January 10th.

Sarpedon, January 10th.

Emazea, January 11th.

Lycaon, January 12th.

Vingthor, January 12th.

Automedon, January 19th.

Tydeus, January 20th.

Aeneas, January 22nd.

Ixion, January 29th.

Dolius, January 31st.

Keemun, January 31st.

Calchas, February 3rd.

Philoctetes, February 3rd.

Patroclus, February 7th.

Phemius, February 7th.

Autolykus, February 8th.

Demodocus, February 10th.

Bellerophon, February 20th.

Euryades, February 24th.

Troilus, February 24th.

Tyndareus, February 24th.

Agapenor, Mar. 7th.

Antenor, March 7th.

British-India and Apear Line

Canana, to-day.

Talamba, December 22nd.

Santhia, December 31st.

Taina, January 4th.

Tilawa, January 11th.

Takliwa, January 17th.

Takula, January 28th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Asia, Dec. 20th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen (John

Mannors & Co., Agents).

Panama, Dec. 23rd.

Danmark, Dec. 31st.

Siam, January 15th.

Java, January 20th.

Australia, February 11th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

St. Albans, December 26th.

Arifura, January 7th.

Panda, February 4th.

Glen Line.

Glenhane, Dec. 31st.

Glenogly, January 7th.

Gleniffer, January 9th.

Cardiganshire, January 21st.

Glenamoy, Feb. 11th.

Glenagarry, February 18th.

Hamburg-America Line.

Sachsen, December 20th.

Saarland, Dec. 21st.

Em. Feirdorf, Jan. 7th.

Havelland, Jan. 20th.

Havestein, Feb. 1st.

Leverkusen, February 14th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tijonandri, to-morrow.

Tijaroca, Dec. 24th.

Messageries Maritimes.

Athos II., to-day.

Porikos, to-day.

Chonocassia, January 1st.

D'Artagnan, January 1st.

Sphinx, January 15th.

General Meisinger, Jan. 29th.

Paul Ceat, February 12th.

Andre Lebon, Feb. 26th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

DANGEROUS DRIFTWOOD.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

In a notification to Mariners posted at the Harbour Office it is stated that a semi-submerged log is reported to be floating in Lat. 10 deg. 45' N. and Long. 115 deg. 45' E. The information was supplied by the master of the s.s. *Mausang* who considers the log dangerous to navigation. The report is dated on December 14th.

The "Kochow" Resumes As Passenger Steamer.

After a few months service on the West River as a cargo freighter, the s.s. *Kochow*, which foundered on the Wangmoon Bar some time ago, resumed service to Wuchow yesterday evening as a passenger steamer. A final survey was made yesterday morning by the Government Marine Surveyors and boat, fire and other drills were carried out to the satisfaction of the authorities.

In celebration of her resumption as a passenger steamer fire works were let off when the vessel left her wharf.

The Officers are:—Captain Morgan, Master; Mr. Becks, Chief Officer; Mr. Whyte, Chief Engineer.

Towing Lighters Through Shelter Entrance.

The Chinese coxswain of the steam launch *Wah Hing* was fined \$5 by the Marine Magistrate, Commander J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., at the Harbour Office yesterday morning for towing three lighters through the southern entrance of the Yauwatti Typhoon Shelter, contrary to the Harbour regulations. The defendant pleaded guilty.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Eight vessels brought 768 Asiatic Deck Passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Sado Maru, to-day.

Atsuta Maru, Dec. 20th.

Binjo Maru, Dec. 20th.

Hakodate Maru, Dec. 20th.

Nagano Maru, Dec. 20th.

Dakar Maru, Dec. 21st.

Delagoa Maru, Dec. 22nd.

Hakone Maru, Dec. 23rd.

Mito Maru, Dec. 25th.

Nagato Maru, Dec. 26th.

Katori Maru, Dec. 28th.

Malacca Maru, Dec. 28th.

Rangoon Maru, Dec. 28th.

Tamla Maru, Dec. 29th.

Tenyo Maru, Dec. 30th.

Toyooka Maru, Dec. 30th.

Sua Maru, January 6th.

Penang Maru, January 10th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.

Main, Dec. 22nd.

Koenigsberg, December 26th.

Trier, Jan. 13th.

Lahn, January 30th.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Kalyan, Dec. 21st.

Naldera, December 22nd.

Alipore, January 1st.

Morea, January 4th.

Mantua, January 5th.

Kidderpore, January 7th.

Kashgar, January 18th.

Padua, January 18th.

Macedonia, February 1st.

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